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Only a war can create the conditions necessary to give capitalism a new period of accumulation and prosperity.
--Harry Fyhr, Norway

Making Links



Tassie Travels Down Under

by Orin Langelle

It had just turned dark on the 19th of November, 1992 as alone I watched the campfire while almost everyone else was drinking Boag's beer inside the isolated Community Centre at Jackys Marsh, Tasmania, Australia. A somewhat bedraggled, long haired youth in his early 20s approached me and queried, "Whatcha doin?" Somewhat frazzled after endless meetings, and not really wanting to engage in more words than necessary I mumbled, "Just thinking about lost comrades, mate -- in November we remember."

David Rainbow looked me in the eyes over the fire and said, "Yeah, I know. The anniversary of Joe's murder." Then amazingly he broke into the song, "I dreamed I saw Joe Hill last night alive as you and me..." There were 3 Wobs at Jackys Marsh that night if you count Joe Hill.

What was refreshing about Tas and a brief stay on the mainland of Aus, is that movement folks down under have a bit more class consciousness and historical perspective than their northern hemisphere counterparts. Suffice it to say, though, what we are all up against is no different there than here.

My purpose of travelling to Tas, was to attend the First International Temperate Forest Conference in Deloraine, and the inaugural strategy meeting of the Native Forest Network (NFN) in Jackys Marsh. To our knowledge this was the first time activists had met internationally to discuss and strategize how to combat the multinational corporate cancer that is metastisizing into a full scale global epidemic.

About a week before I was scheduled to leave, it came to my attention that Tim Cadman, the convenor of the conference and co-founder of NFN, was roughed up by an assailant in Deloraine after the media publicized that Earthfirst!ers from the USA would be attending. So it came as no surprise to me when I was pulled over by customs in Sydney after my flight from the States. Australian Immigration and Ethnic Affairs officals whisked me in a line of about 150 other foks who were to have their baggage searched, with myself being the only caucasian holdover. I knew I was in the right place. Finding nothing of consequence they allowed me to continue on my flight to Melbourne where the reception was much nicer.

I met my traveling companions, Jake Jagoff and Randal Restless, at the airport and we were picked up by Cam Walker from Melbroune IWW-EF!

After a days stay in Melbourne and a flat tire in rush hour traffic with a pit crew of 3 Yanks and and one Aussie, having only a few minutes left to catch the Abel Tasman Ferry down for Tassie. We somehow made the ship. We passed Melbourne harbor through the Rip, entering Bass Straits and rolled into Devonsport, Tasmania. An autobus to Deloraine and the first int'l temperate forest conference loomed.

The day before the conf, the unofficial opening of Great Western Tiers National Park happened. A couple of us hitched a ride with Southern Cross Broadcasting to watch Professor David Bellamy (keynote conf. speaker) declare the 27,800-hectare Tiers an inviolable international park for all time. This was not offical, it was just done by the people in their bioregion to protect the area from a government's indiscretion; in this case, Tasmanian.

The media had a jolly time with the EF! presence from the States. Their "non prejudicial coverage" allowed equal time for allegations from the timber industry to counter fact. We learned there were bomb threats to the Deloraine Community Complex where the conference was to take place. Despite the fact that actual violence happened against activists because international non-violent forest activists, conservation biologists, and non-governmental organizations were to gather at a global conference, paid timber industry mouthpiece Steve

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Notes from IW Coordinator

New cover price of $1: The reason for the increase is not to grub pennies, but to make IW attractive to commercial news distributors and stores, who won't handle it for nothing. This will spread the good news of Industrial Freedom to thousands more workers starting now.

Advance notice: IW collective members have recommended to the GEB that the subscription price be raised to $15/yr -- $10 low income. The reason -- to grub pennies.

Donate: Donate to IW Sustaining Fund and we'll send you stickers (see design page 13), as soon as we get them made. Send donations to: **IWW at 1095 Market St. #204 San Francisco CA 94103**, marked IW Sustaining Fund.

Cover Photo: Co-Worker Stan Anderson sends this from Seattle, where the sign was displayed at a conference of labor and environmental activists. Way to go, Stan!

Welcome Denver Branch collective as monthly IW contributors. We also invite other IWW groups to become directly integrated in producing your newspaper.

Mynor Variente's Predictions for 1993: IWW members will form strong links between each other and with other social activists; New ideas and effective tactics for organizing will be found; Joe Hill will make an appearance at a Wobbly music fest and speak in support of Entertainment Workers Industrial Union 630.

Letters from the Workers of the World

Dear Friends at IW:

Oi! I'm David at Resistencia Redskin. We're a group of communist and anarchist punks and skinheads. We want to contact you.

We publish the zine "El Perro Rojo." If you have any publications/info, we can trade it. We too have the Proletkult Distro, so we can distribute your stuff.

Protest to Survive! All Power to the People! Unite and Win!

D. Moreno
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Fellow Workers,

My article on the International Workers Association in the January issue was edited, changing the concluding sentence to say that the IWA/AIT could become an important force for international labor solidarity. While it could (and should) become stronger, I believe that it already plays an important role--and that is what I wrote. Thanks for printing this clarification.

In Solidarity,
Jon Bekken

Hello,

Well, I just wanted to send my regards. Keep up the good work on the I.W.

Your Fellow Worker,
Mike M.
Latitude 15 08'
Longitude 080 56'
Caribbean Sea

"LASAGNA" AND "NORIEGA" CONVICTIONS TO BE APPEALED; 39 ACQUITTED, MORE TRIALS

Paulo Friere said, "Freedom is acquired by conquest, not by gift. It must be pursued constantly and responsibly. Freedom is not an ideal located outside the human being; nor is it an idea which becomes myth. It is rather the indispensable condition for the quest of human completion!"

Racism is ignorance, and dehumanization is the strategy that was and is used on the Indian people who were and are still in the way. The Mohawk Nation is continually dehumanized by government propaganda so that we will be seen as the enemy and will have no voice.

We have not become resigned to being victimized by mainstream institutions and their masters.

Our continuous struggle for freedom threatens the oppressors and we are met with greater oppression as our territory continues to be surrounded by SQ (Surete de Quebec) and RCMP "routine harassment" squads, and many of our people are in the criminal courts facing trials.

In Oka in 1990 we took control of our history and we changed it. We continue to fight for our freedom at home and in the courts. The criminal trials of 8 of our men stemming from the "Two by Four" and "The Island" battles, which are related to the 1990 War, get underway in January 1993.

We long to be free and we ask you to listen to your own conscience and continue to help us pursue freedom.

The acquittal on July 3, 1992 of the 39 was a vindication of the Mohawk view that we are a sovereign people who fought to defend our territory. We are not criminals as the government propaganda tried to depict us.

The Oka criminal trial in Montreal went down in defeat as this was a political issue over our right to defend ourselves, our land and our way of life. Today, we the victims are still on trial. It is an obscenity that the innocent are surrounded by the guilty!

But we still have our graveyard at Oka, and we will never give it up.

Because of Oka, our people are no longer discounted and our Great Law of Peace will never perish if we follow our natural laws.

The Charlottetown Constitutional Accord went down in defeat because Canada will never be free until the outstanding grievances of the First Nations are settled. Does the government think they can forget us, control us and ignore us? It is our way that will save Canada.

The Mohawk Nation will not be governed now or in the future by a foreign government, foreign people or foreign culture, and our laws will be the basis of any future relationship between us and any institutions of Canada. The Mohawk Nation has a right to self-determination according to international law, to determine our political status and relationship with Canada consistent with the Two Row Wampum Treaty.

The Liberation of the Mohawk Nation Defense Fund is asking for your continuing support and donations. Everyone has benefitted from this victory, but we still have men who are going on trial and face prison. We are just now beginning to realize how great and far-reaching is this victory, not only for the First Nations but for Canadian people who are standing up for their

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World News from the Working Class

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Modern day "Ned Kelly Bushrangers" unfurl banner from roof of Devonport Forestry Commission Tasmania. Business-as-usual was suspended by this 1st international action of the Native Forest Network on 24 November. Lower left, the world's largest freshwater crayfish, Astacopsis gouldii, prepares to eat Jake Jagoff from the Wild Rockies...

PHOTO: Langelle

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Forest Conference

Guest had the audacity to call EF! a violent organization who have "maimed and killed workrs in the United States."

Since the IWW helped sponsor my attendance to represent the revolutionary arm of the working class, I replied as a Wob in a Letter to the Editor of the Tasmanian Examiner, "Mr. Guest's innaccurate statements incorporate the classic example of trying to divide the worker-environmental community. This tactic will not work as the workers and environmentalists identify the real cause of ecological and working class destruction: the industrial and corporate state. And furthermore, I ask Mr. Guest, 'who bombed Judi Bari'?"

Of course Guest didn't reply to my response. He called for Professor Bellamy to condemn EF!'s presence at the conference. At a formal dinner, I asked Professor Bellamy if he planned to condemn EF! Bellamy replied, "Earth First! is the best friend the world has!"

At the end of the First International Temperate Forest Conference, almost 200 representatives from the Southern and Northern Hemipheres ! agreed in their mission statement, **"To protect the remaining temperate forests around the world to ensure they can survive, flourish and maintain their evolutionary potential."**

DEFENDING THE FORESTS FROM MULTINATIONAL ATTACKS

Immediately following the Deloraine conference, about 30 forest activists from both hemispheres met in Jackeys Marsh, Tasmania for the NFN's Inaugural Strategy Meeting. Participants in the 3-day session braved torrential rain, leeches, and more Boag's beer to hammer out details for a global network designed to share information and foster activism on the grass roots level. Despite 2 mysterious computer malfunctions, those attending produced the following philosophy: **"NFN is a global, autonomous collective of forest activists, conservation biologists, and NGO's. NFN functions on a consensus basis and is non-violent, non-hierarchical and non-patriarchal."**

The NFN mission was identified: **"To protect the Earth's remaining Native Forests, be they Temperate or otherwise, to ensure they can survive, flourish and maintain their evolutionary potential."**

The 3 goals of NFN are: **1)To ensure the maintenace of biodiversity and ecological integrity; 2)To recognize the rights of indigenous people and forest dwellers and to ensure that cultural values of ecosystems are identified and protected; and 3)To ensure the maintenance of ecological productivity of natural and modified ecosystems for the benefit of all species including humans.**

It was proposed that the NFN campaign on both tropical and temperate issues, with its first priority being the creation of a Temperate Forest Action Network. In actuality, with a campaign on both tropical and temperate issues, as activists return to their bioregions it may be more feasible to watch a Native Forest Action Network develop. The inception of the global NFN umbrella and the subsequent Action Network offers many possibilities for workers and grass roots activists to unite, while still remaining autonomous, by sharing information and tactics in an effort to non-violently combat the destruction of earth and local economies by multi-national corporations or governments. The NFN also provides the opportunity for activists to demonstrate solidarity world-wide when the need arises in the many crisis situations that are becoming ever more apparent as the present ecological devastation further escalates.

NFN intends to publish an international newsletter in both English and Spanish.

HALLELLUJAH, I'M A BUM

The first international action of the NFN effectively stopped business as usual in the Devonport office of the Forestry Commission Tasmania (FCTAS) on 24 November, 1992. NFN chose the target due to the FCTAS' jurisdiction, and the lack of responsibility for logging on the Gog Range near Deloraine, Tasmania, and the non-protection of the *Astacopsis Gouldii* -- the world's largest freshwater crayfish and a recognized IUCN threatened species. Activists dropped banners from the roof of FCTAS' regional Working Circle headquarters, chained themselves to doors to blockade access, and dumped woodchips to show their outrage at FCTAS' blatant disregard of the destruction of the Astacopsis habitat and woodchip exportation to foreign markets at the expense of the Gog Range. Unconfirmed reports stated that during the NFN takeover, FCTAS' computer system crashed.

An interesting note about the procuring of woodchips is in order. An enormous amount of Eucalyptus forest, each year is cut and rendered into woodchips exported primarily to Japan. For this action we wanted to dump Eucalyptus woodchips in FCTAS' office, but nowhere in Tassie could they be found for sale! We had to buy pine woodchips. To add to the craziness of it all, a Gog Range activist told me he can purchase 2x4 studs in Tasmania shipped from Oregon cheaper than Oregan residents can buy them -- the insanity of multinationalism at its sick peak. Due to the NFN's takeover of FCTAS, in which the modern day "Ned Kelly Bushrangers" (infamous Tasmanian activists who recently stopped and locked on to a woodchip train) participated, Tasmanian Forest Minister Tony Rundall intimated that radical conservationists should be hanged. Because of Rundall's attack on the Bushrangers, who he said deserved the same fate as the original Ned Kelly, Green MHA Gerry Bates so furiously negated Rundall's accusations of "green" terror on the Parliment floor that he was the first house member since 1987 to be banned.

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For some reason there were no arrests at the action and we adjourned to a working class pub in Deloraine for a few "pots" in celebration. It was evident on our arrival that the patrons were skeptical of us, and admittedly, we were a motley looking crew. Tensions mounted when the evening news came on the tele, and our action and the Parliment follies were the lead story. "Hippies," and mutterings of "bums" were cast our way. To this, David Rainbow, the modern day Ned Kelly, staggered out of his seat and sang the first verse of, "Hallellujah, I'm a Bum." The activist contigent all joined in the second verse. When we got through the workers applauded us and we never had to buy another pot for the rest of the night. There were no more divisions between the workers and environmentalists that evening!

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DOWN UNDER RISING UP!

Outside of the dock in Melbourne Harbor, Anthony Amis and I watched police boats move about from our perch on the deck of the Abel Tasman. "Must be a demo or something or another up in Melbourne," Amis chuckled. Amis, a veteran Rainforest Action Group activist, was returning from our Tassie escapades to turn himself in for a 4-day jail sentence he was required to serve for some sort of crime he committed in an attempt to help save the planet. After the longshoreman secured the Tasman, we walked out to a dock covered with anti-American slogans. People started to gather and we learned that an American nuclear Trident submarine was coming into port. The media were about interviewing folks in wet suits who were going to swim out and block the nuke sub.

Friends came to meet us and invited us to downtown Melbourne to take part in the Australian General Strike that was called for that day. It appears that the Australian government wants to screw the workers out of any gains won over the last hundred years. A general strike did not actually happen that day, but hundreds of thousands of workers throughout Australia did not show up for the masters. More strikes are scheduled and are bound to occur in the future.

I spent my last day in Melbourne with Canopy, the local IWW-EF! contact. Canopy, of course, was pleased to see the rising up of the working class as shown in the on-going strikes down under. His analysis was that a workers revolt is happening in what seemingly is a sleeping continent and that it is happening almost overnight. What I found most refreshing about the IWW-EF! in Melbourne is that during the called for general strike, about half of the group participated in the streets while the other half was in East Gippsland collecting endangered Potoroo hair in an attempt to stop the corporate state timber beast from levelling more wilderness.

As Cam drove me to the airport we passed a graffiteed building that may be a harbinger for all Aussies to take notice: "Unemployment For All--Not Just the Rich!"

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International Notes ...for Global Solidarity

NAFTA- Job Growth & Falling Wages: During the recent campaign, the Bush team published "The Importance of NAFTA to American Workers" in an attempt to persuade voters that "free trade" was good for them. The *Left Business Observer* (#55; 250 W 88 St., New York 10024-3217) compared the 10 states which the Bush report identified as benefitting from job and export growth between 1987-1991, to a state-by-state analysis of changes in income distribution in the 1980s (done by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities). "The poor got poorer in all the NAFTA Top Ten but one - New Jersey - and the middle got poorer in seven... the larger the NAFTA share of the workforce, the worse the state's economic performance...

"The failure of exports to deliver prosperity is a message that could easily be conveyed by a Korean working for Hyundai or a Chinese painting Hasbro toys."

Cuba Arrests Activist: Cuban human rights activist Elizardo Sanchez was arrested December 10 in Havana. His whereabouts are unknown and fellow activists fear for his life.

Haiti Arrests 3 Unionists: The Haitian government has held three unionists--Solon Cadet, leader of the national centre CTH, and Bahurel Medelus and Rev. Louis Germain of the Haitian rural workers' union--since December 3.

Peru- Unionist Killed: Pedro Huilca Tecse, general secretary of the Confederacion General de Trabajadores del Perz (CGTP) was assassinated December 18. The day before his murder he had publicly denounced the economic policy of Peru's authorities.

Britain Workers Fight Hospital Closings: The British government is attempting to close at least 4 major London hospitals and 10 smaller units. The cuts would eliminate 2,500 hospital beds and up to 20,000 jobs. Yet there are more than 130,000 people in the city on waiting lists for treatment. Workers have responded to the cuts with a city-wide demonstration Nov. 17, and a series of protests at local hospitals. On Nov. 27 hundreds of people marched round Bart's hospital, which could be the first major hospital to close.

So far, the most determined opposition to health cuts has come at University College Hospital in London. Nurses occupying a ward and on indefinite strike have succeeded in preventing ward closures.

They began their action when it was announced that a quarter of the hospital was to be closed down within a month. The first ward to be closed down was a general surgical ward. Nurses responded by occupying the ward, and going on indefinite strike (with emergency coverage). When management threatened to move an unconscious patient from the ward, porters refused to move him and nurses linked arms to form a human chain around the door. Management backed down within a week.

During the strike, nurses won the support of patients, relatives and other groups of workers. Post workers, bus drivers, teachers, telecom and council workers all visited the picket line. They did not get support from union leaders however, who refused to make the action official.

England - Asian women on strike Dec. 15- Asian women at Burnsalls, a metal finishing company in Smethwick, have been on strike since June for better health and safety, equal pay and union rights. Conditions in the factory were so bad that one worker suffered a miscarriage after her request to be transferred to lighter duties was refused.

The women have had strong community support with over 300 people attending Saturday picket lines. On Nov.28 hundreds joined a march through Birmingham in support of the strikers. The women are determined to continue with their struggle. In the words of one striker, Kuldip Dhaliwal, "We're not going to leave the picket line till we win."

Strikers have faced intimidation from management and scab workers. A striker's car was recently sprayed with acid.

Send donations/ messages of support to: Burnsalls Strike Fund, GMB Will Thorne House, 2 Birmingham Road, Halesowen B63 3HP. (autonome forum: aforum@moose.uvm.edu "solidarity is a weapon!")

Britain Privatizes Water: Fresh from the defeat of the hated Poll Tax, the British government is now attempting to privatize Scotland's water works. Water service has already been privatized in England and Wales, and 55,000 families are threatened with disconnection because they are unable to pay the new, much higher, charges. The Hands Off Our Water campaign was launched in September in Glasgow on a policy of non-payment and direct action--the tactics that beat back the Poll Tax. Campaigners also hope that Scotland's 7,000 water workers will support their struggle with job actions.

Poland Miners Strike: Some 300,000 coal miners walked out on strike Dec.14 in response to plans to cut 180,000 mining jobs in the next 10 years. Strikers have put forward a list of 23 demands, headed by a demand for a guarantee that no jobs will be lost.

The strike is being led by the "communist"-dominated unions that Solidarity displaced only a decade ago. These unions are winning increasing support as workers feel betrayed by the Solidarity labor federation's inaction in the face of the Solidarity government's austerity program.

The Polish mine workers aren't alone. Attacks on the livelihood of 200,000 coal, ore and uranium miners in Czechoslovakia have also spawned resistance.

In early November, nearly 5,000 miners descended on Prague. With brass bands playing and union banners waving, they marched on the Czech parliament building. The workers aimed chants of "Resign! Resign!" at the premier and his ministers.

South Africa- Fewer Strikes, Less Money: Average pay hikes for 1992 fell to 12 percent, sharply down from 1991's 16.1 percent. Strikes and other job actions also declined, with 23% of settlements being preceded by some form of industrial action, including go-slows and overtime bans, compared to 52% in 1991. One consolation for workers is that the official inflation rate has also fallen during the year from around 15 to 11 per cent.

COSATU Promises Restraint: The labor movement "will seek to act strategically, constructively and creatively -- rather than combatively -- in addressing problems of poverty and unemployment which lie at the heart of South Africa's socio-economic crisis," Congress of South African Trade Unions General Secretary Jay Naidoo said in a recent interview. He said Cosatu's priorities for 1993 were to establish institutional frameworks, such as the national economic forum, and legislation to extend trade union power on political and socio-economic issues. Many militants have criticized the federation for deferring workers' pressing economic and industrial needs to the African National Congress's efforts to negotiate a transfer of power from the apartheid regime. Not only are workers losing ground economically and surrendering the initiative to the politicians, they argue, this policy of restraint is also eliminating the pressure that brought the government to the bargaining table in the first place.

Togo- Gunmen Loot Union Offices: The headquarters of Togo's Fopadesc union federation (affiliated to the catholic World Confederation of Labour) were broken into and looted December 31. Three days earlier, gunmen broke into the home of a Fopadesc staff member, threatening his life and ordering him to leave the country. The organisation's general secretary has also been threatened with death by armed individuals.

Malawi- 150 Activists Arrested More than 150 members of the pro-democracy group AFORD were arrested December 20. The arrestees, who were subsequently released on bail, have been campaigning for multi-party democracy and for the release of union leader and pro-democracy campaigner Chakufwa Chihana.

Russia- Censorship: The director of Kineshma City Factory No. 2 shut down the factory newspaper after it published critical articles, claiming financial difficulties. Since she did not found the paper, workers contend, she had no right to close it. The newspaper costs 10-15,000 rubles per month, which is much less than the director's salary. 52 workers signed a letter of protest stating that they were prepared to finance the newspaper themselves. They realized that this was just the first attempt to deprive them of their rights.

Unionists Attacked: The chairperson of the Tula SOTSPROF (a union federation) committee, Vladimir Kozlenkov, was attacked in the street Nov.7 and hospitalized with head injuries. Kozlenkov is also a member of the executive committee of the "Citizens' Solidarity" movement, which includes both trade unions and civic organizations of a non-party type. The next day, someone broke windows in the flat of Nikolai Ravin, a member of the Council of Representatives of Civic Solidarity. Activists of the movement have been threatened repeatedly over the telephone and through letters.

Milk Plant Occupied: St. Petersburg workers have occupied milk plant No. 3 since Nov.9 after almost all plant workers were dismissed on the pretext that the plant was to be rebuilt, and on the basis of alleged orders from the sanitary service. Only 30 workers were left. It later became clear that the reason for the sackings was not reconstruction but plant managers' desire to privatize the plant to their own benefit. So workers occupied the enterprise and forced the management out the gates. The strikers' main demands are for the reinstatement of all the dismissed workers and for the enterprise to be privatized to the benefit of the workplace collective. The government is refusing negotiations. The strike was organized by the Free Trade Union, which is part of the Spravedlivost ("Justice") Federation of Free Trade Unions.

Circuses, Not Bread: The Independent Union of Mineworkers of Vorkuta and Inta has now twice expressed its astonishment at a decision by managers of the Vorkutaugol combine to donate half a million rubles to reviving the Cossacks in Vorkuta. The union says it makes no sense to give money for sabres and fancy-dress costumes while most Russians, including citizens of Vorkuta, are living on the edge of poverty. The mineworkers' union suggested that the money be given to the society of mineworker invalids.

Resign! Workers in the tractor assembly shop of the St. Petersburg Kirov plant, who recently called for the establishment of a regional trade union strike committee to defend workers against the government's anti-popular policies, gave notice that a warning strike would begin Nov.11 unless the government resigned and wages increased to 4 times the cost of the minimum consumer basket. There was not a single scab in the shop. Attempting to frighten the workers, the plant management accused them of insulting the president and stated that they could face prison terms of up to 3 years. The director of the tractor plant agreed that the workers' demands were just, but refused to meet them. He stated that the plant was in such bad economic straits that in December it would have to shut down production and send the workforce on involuntary leave.



Soviet workers! Strengthen the Work Discipl...

In a conference with workers from other shops at the plant, the tractor assemblers called for support. However, they failed to obtain significant backing, since those present at the conference were mainly shop chiefs and representatives of the plant and trade union bureaucracies. The strike ended Nov.13 under pressure from management.

No Wages For 3 Months! A spontaneous one-day strike broke out Nov. 12 at Tochmash, one of the largest plants in Novosibirsk. The strike was provoked by a 3-month delay in the payment of wages. Tochmash is part of the military-industrial complex, but it also produces goods for the civilian market, including audio and video systems. Output of goods for the civilian market has fallen this year to less than 1/4 of previous levels. The plant debt has increased 20-fold. Average wages at the plant are only 40% of the average for Russia as a whole. Strikers returned to work after the plant director appeared at a rally outside the factory gates and promised to pay all back wages.

Solidarity for Nigerian Workers
Int'l Action Days Feb. 22-26

Workers Solidarity Alliance (WSA) and NYC's *Neither East nor West*, are calling for peaceful pickets and protests at Nigerian embassies & consulates demanding release of Udemba Chuks, Garba Adu, Kingsley Etioni and James Ndubisi (*Awareness League*) and all political prisoners. Also in prison are human rights activists Veko Ransome-Kuti, Gani Fawehinmi and Femi Falana, and *Nat. Assoc. of Nigerian Students* leader Segun Maiyegun.

Letters can also be addressed to General Ibrahim Babangida, and mailed to WSA, 339 Lafayette #202 NYC 10012. Info:212/979-8353.

International Notes ...for Global Solidarity

Euro-Syndicale Unions Meet

At Berlin Nov. 25-29 delegates met from anarcho syndicalist unions and groups in Bulgaria, Hungary, Russia and the Ukraine. The Free Workers Union (FAU/IWA) hosted. Discussion centered on setting up information and communication. Unionists in the former Soviet countries have need of printing equipment and other services. There are problems with unreliable postal and telecommunication systems in some areas, as well as obtaining paper and other supplies. Some of the new organizations are also unstable.

Speaking tours were proposed of Central and Eastern Europe.

It was agreed to start an Information & Coordination Bulletin. The Initiative of Revolutionary Anarchists (IREAN, Russia) have already issued two "A-Info Bulletins" in the Russian language. IREAN will form the first editorial group producing 4 issues in both Russian and English. Contributions from participatants will not be edited or censored. IWA Secretariat will help with funding. The Bulletin will be named, "A.S. Info: Open Bulletin from Friends of the IWA." The first issue will be free, with later issues sent to subscribing contributor organizations for postal costs.

Zaporozie Summer Meeting

The Confederation of Independent Unions of Zaporozie, East Ukraine will host a further meeting in the summer of 1993.

A video has been produced by FAU on the history of German anarcho-syndicalism.

FAU has formed an East European Working Group to help with East-West coordination. They can be contacted at "A Laden," Rathenowerstr. 22, D-1000 Berlin 21. FAX: 030/394-8447 Germany.

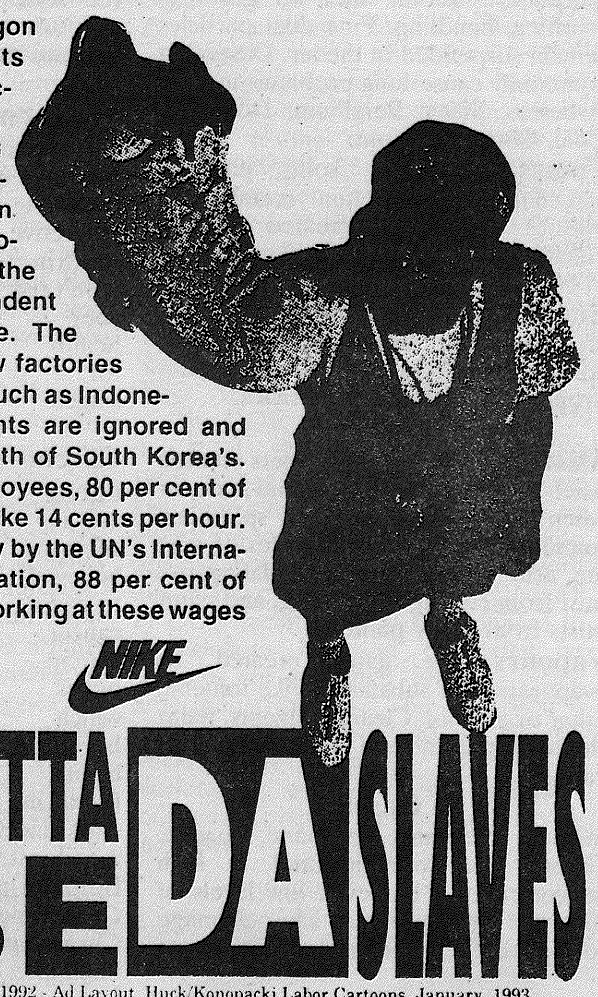
The Ukraine faces serious ecological problems including those caused by the nuclear industry. The Ukrainian delegate reported difficulty for the people to get, or to publish, information about dangerous pollution levels. A translation is to be made of this report. *(Workers Solidarity Alliance/International Workers Association 1/93)*

Ukraine- General Strike Against Anti-Labor Law: On Nov.4 a meeting was held of representatives of trade unions and councils of workplace collectives of the Donetsk region to discuss the new Law on Collective Labor Disputes. Certain articles of the law ban strikes, and the concept of the lock-out is recognized. Co-Chairman of the Donetsk City Strike Committee Mikhail Krylov said that to accept the law meant voluntarily becoming a hostage, since the law allowed the prosecution of anyone who defended their rights. The meeting decided to hold a warning strike Nov.13. Unless the Ukrainian government satisfied the workers' demands, an unlimited strike was to begin on Nov.17.

A one-day strike was held Nov.13. The rally in the central square of Donetsk attracted about 4000 people. Coal miners took part, along with workers in the transport combine, the children's hospital and the "Prodmash" plant. As a result the Chairman of the Supreme Soviet of the Ukraine, Ivan Pliushch, declared that adoption of the law would be postponed, and that all of the articles in dispute would be discussed with the trade unions.

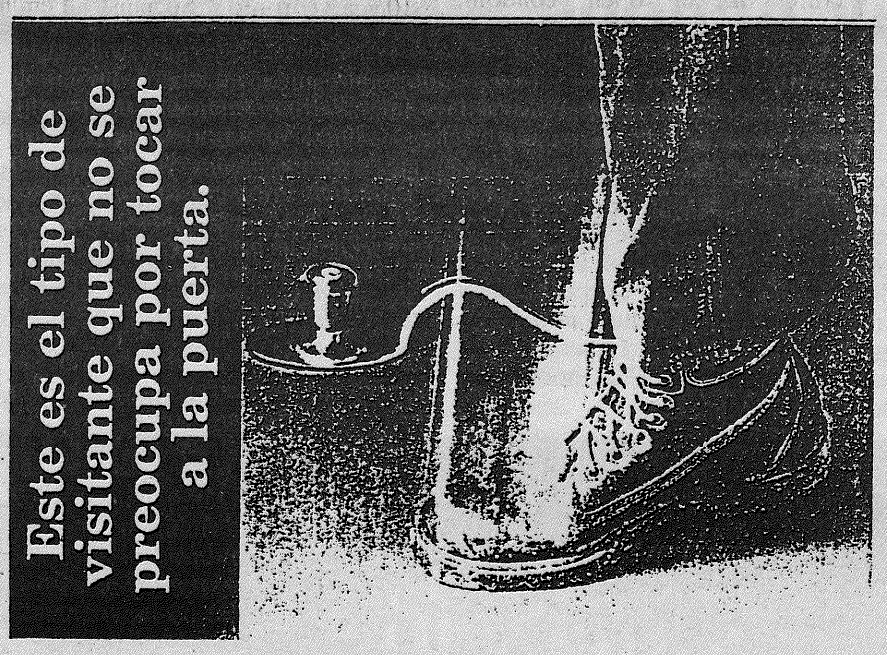
Moldavia- Strike Organizers Face Persecution: The Kishinev prosecutor's office has instituted legal proceedings against the organizers of the Oct.26 strike by Kishinev trolley-bus drivers. Some 700 drivers took part in the stoppage, demanding increased pay; a pension age of 50 years for women and 55 for men; improvements in work conditions; the solution of the housing problem; and cuts in the administrative apparatus. Under the present law, strikes by transport workers are banned.

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JEFFERY BALLINGER, HARPERS, AUGUST 1992



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LA CLASE OBRERA CONTRA LA INJUSTICIA SOCIAL



Scandinavia

Finland On October 14, 1992 the gov't decided to make a new "crisis package." One of the main points is a forced loan from workers of 2% of all wages over 100,000 marks. This loan is to be repaid in 1995 without interest. In October, Finland's unemployment was 16.2%.

On November 15, the Finnish Communist Party went bankrupt after losing millions on the stock exchange. Among its more exotic investments was a fashion shop in Helsinki and a stable of race horses.

Norway The gov't has taken over major banks to prevent collapse. Key sectors of industry have difficulties, such as metal refining and car parts. Unemployment was 7.8% in November.

Lift construction and maintenance workers struck to enforce an employer contract clause that says no workers will be laid off, and cutbacks will be equally shared among the whole workforce. The employers federation has tried to ban such contracts.

Transport terminal workers in Oslo struck for full time hiring, instead of part time and casual. There were sympathy strikes in several towns, and negotiations resumed.

Solidarity Award

4 Released

Safety Reasons Cited

Melbourne - 3 students, a clerk, and a public service worker were on trial in November 1992, charged with unlawful assembly on 26 March. The 5 were among several thousand students and workers who had assembled before Parliament House to demonstrate against education funding cuts. The 5 faced other charges, from obstructing police to "rescue from lawful custody."

At the trial, a police inspector said the demonstrators were well-behaved at first, as they massed before the line of 70 policepersons.

The crowd "had been yelling out something to do with student fees and then suddenly they were chanting about breaking the police line." Then they charged, he said, "like Zulu warriors."

The inspector said a van carrying 4 arrested people was surrounded and rocked, and that he was forced to free the prisoners to guarantee their safety, and the safety of police officers.

Safety, as everyone knows, should always come first, both in the workplace and in our streets and cities. Both the demonstrators and police receive our Solidarity Award for releasing fellow workers from a dangerous, and very likely toxic, vehicle.

(But -- how *does* a Zulu warrior charge, anyway?)

Latvia The new Latvian government continues to pursue a tough policy toward new trade unions. KAS-KOR member Konstantin Sumnitelny discussed the situation with Armand Belozerov, a leader of the Association of Independent Labor Unions of Latvia and Chairperson of the Independent Workers Union of Lijepaia.

Q. What has changed in the trade union legislation since Latvia became independent?

A. In the old "communist" law on trade unions the section on registration was in accordance with the regulations of the International Labor Organization. A year and a half ago the new government tightened the procedures. Now a trade union must have no fewer than 50 members. Our trade union managed to get itself registered under the Soviet laws in 1991, though even then we had to resist pressure from the Ministry of Justice. They demanded that we change 6 items in our charter, in particular an item on the equal trade union rights of workers regardless of their citizenship and participation in political movements. We refused to change anything, and as a result were registered only for 3 months, though the law does not provide for short-term registration. Since then we haven't made any applications to the ministry -- it would be useless, we'd just finish up in the usual bureaucratic red tape. We have an example -- the Independent Union of Alarm System Workers brought 8 court cases in an effort to win registration, but without result. The court decision has been put off indefinitely, and in effect the union has been denied registration.

This May the office of the Lijepaia Independent Workers Union was broken into and smashed up. We didn't bother seeking an investigation, because the police wouldn't be able to do anything--they couldn't even draw up an official report.

Q. Let's return to the problems of registration. Do the authorities have any legal grounds for their action?

A. No grounds at all. Now they're demanding lists of trade union members. It's absurd--there's no (legal) trade union, but they want to see its membership lists. It began with the joint stock company Saiva. The management there tried to take away the knitting machines of outworkers. The workers tried to set up a trade union to defend themselves, but the Ministry of Justice demanded a list of names, though this isn't required under the law. So the trade union wasn't set up.

Q. What about the old trade unions? Are people leaving them in massive numbers?

A. The old unions are ceasing to be active in the enterprises. Workers are voting at meetings for these unions to be dissolved, because they do nothing but collect membership dues.

(excerpted from December issue of KAS-KOR Labor Digest.)

Toxic Substances in the Workplace

Hazardous substances in the workplace are found in several forms. The effects of exposure are sometimes immediate and painful. But many of the most serious effects occur after several years of repeated exposure.

Solids

Dusts are often created from mechanical action such as grinding, crushing, handling. Fine dust particles remain suspended in the air. Dusts that commonly cause lung problems include Asbestos, Silica, Beryllium, Iron, Tin, Coal, Cotton, Barium.

Fumes are fine solid particles associated with molten metals and plastics. Fumes are created when a volatized solid such as metal condenses in cool air. This occurs in welding.

Smoke is solid airborne particles created from burning of material containing carbon, and usually contains droplets as well as dry particles.

Liquids

Mists are suspended droplets created when gas condenses into liquid state, or when liquid is broken up by splashing, foaming or spraying. Examples of mist are acid mist from electroplating, oil mist from cutting & grinding, and paint mists from spray painting.

Vapours are gases created by evaporation of substances like toluene, ether or alcohol. Cleaning agents, paint thinners, gasoline and glue release toxic vapours.

Gases

include methane, propane, ozone. Carbon monoxide is fatal in high concentrations, but even low levels of repeated exposure may cause damage to the heart and central nervous system

How Much is Dangerous?

Any substance can become toxic if the dose is increased beyond your body's tolerance limits. Long term exposure to small doses of a substance can lead to a build-up in the body resulting in a low tolerance level. Early reactions to toxic overload are allergies, hypersensitivity, irritability, depression, reduced immunity, fatigue and aches. If exposure continues all sorts of serious diseases can result.

Control Toxic Substances

Use careful storage and handling, safety equipment (shields, filters, breathing masks, ventilation) and protective clothing. Don't risk your health for wages!



Carcinogens are any substance believed to cause cancer. Carcinogens which have been found in workplaces include: (Lung Cancer): Acrylonitrile, Arsenic, Asbestos, Benzo(a)pyrene, Beryllium, Bis-Chloromethyl Ether, Cadmium, Chromium, Cigarette Smoke, Coal Tar, Hematite Iron, Ionizing Radiation, Isopropyl Oil, Leather Dust, Mustard Gas, Nickel, Radon Gas, Vinyl Chloride.
(Skin Cancer): Pitch, Asphalt, Creosote, Shale Oil, Arsenic, Tar, Benzo (a) pyrene, Cutting Oils, Ultraviolet Light, X Rays, Anthracine, Soot.

Your Skin can become inflamed from contact with hundreds of substances found in workplaces such as paints, solvents, epoxy resins, acrylics, acids, caustics, metals, gases and vapors. Dermatitis can also result from friction, heat and cold. *Sensitization dermatitis* occurs after prolonged or repeated contact. Once sensitized, even a small exposure can produce a severe reaction.

Some toxic substances penetrate the skin,like toluene, gasoline, mineral spirits and other solvents.

Anemia a blood deficiency can be caused by Arsine Gas, Selenium, Lead, Stibine, Beryllium Cadmium Copper, Gallium, Mercury Compounds,Benzene, Toluene.

Liver Damage may be caused by Antimony, Arsine, Beryllium, Bismuth, Cadmium, Copper, Nickel, Phosphorous, Selenium, Benzene, Carbon Tetrachloride, Chloroform, DDT, Dimethyl Sulfate, Ethyl Alcohol, Hydrazine, Methyl Alcohol, Methyl Chloride, Naphthalene, Phenol, Pyridine, Styrene, Toluene, Vinyl Chloride (and other substances).

Kidney Damage may be caused by Lead, Mercury, Cadmium, Chromates, Copper, Uranium, Beryllium, Arsenic, Sodium Flouride, Iodine, Carbon Monoxide, Gasoline Vapours, Turpentine, Bismuth, Oxalic Acid, Intense Heat, Vibration, High Voltage Shocks.

Nervous System Damage can include depression of the central nervous system by Acetates, Alcohols, Brominated chemicals, Chlorinates, Ethers, Ketones. Brain poisoning may be caused by Carbon Disulfide, Hydrogen Cyanide, Hydrogen Sulfide, Stibine, Arsine. The Brain can also be damaged by Oxygen Deprivation because of asphyxiating gases such as carbon monoxide. Nerve Function Disorders can be caused by Organo-Phosphate Pesticides and Plasticizers, Heavy Metals, Mercury, Lead, Arsenic, Manganese.

Don't wait till it's too late! Demand that all toxic substances be controlled or removed from your workplace. Insist on safety equipment and protective clothing!

Toxic substances that are at large in the workplace usually find their way outside into the community and environment. Workers and unions are responsible for not only our own health in the workplace, but also for preventing toxic substances from affecting the surrounding biosphere.

Rad Wednesday Actions Sweep the Nation

by Karen Pickett & Darryl Cherney

The first media call early Monday morning came as a bit of a surprise. We hadn't yet sent out any press releases. In fact, the press releases weren't even *written* yet. Turned out the reporter had gotten word that EarthFirst! was planning a demo at DuPont's Antioch, California factory, from the plant manager. The next call was from the county sheriff, wanting to know what we had in mind, anyway. It quickly became clear that the action was already happening, a good 48 hours before our October 28 Rad Wednesday descent on the toxic, freon-producing, ozone-destroying DuPont plant. But we weren't alone.

Across the country DuPont was holding pre-emptive press conferences and calling in hordes of police officers to stave off the onslaught from over 20 groups who joined together in the second nationwide Radiation Suit Wednesday this year. EarthFirst!, Greenpeace, the Student Environment Action Coalition (SEAC), Youth for Environmental Sanity (YES), American Indian Movement (AIM), Industrial Workers of the World (IWW), and countless college enviro clubs coalesced in what appears to be a unifying issue: the urgent need to stop the production of all ozone-destroying chemicals NOW.

On a gray Wednesday morning in Deepwater, New Jersey, "Rad Wednesday" organizers walked out their front doors to find police cars parked out front, waiting to follow them to the action. Undeterred, two dozen activists marched around the DuPont plant while antsy police thought mean, ugly thoughts.

In Louisville, Kentucky a handful of activists handed out leaflets to DuPont workers during the shift change, while 4 TV cameras recorded the event. In Clinton, Iowa activists employed the same strategy and were joined by a dozen students and a teacher from the nearby Scattergoods Quaker School.

In Corpus Christi, Texas Greenpeace canvassers combed the neighborhood following heavy media coverage of the "die-in" in front of the DuPont CFC plant and got great responses from the local residents. They were joined by the legendary Austin EF! and the lo and behold, dare we say it, Corpus Christi EarthFirst! (where they have to double-bag their *EF! Journals*). Other DuPont plants were targeted in Chatanooga and Nashville, Tennessee.



Rad Wednesday actions weren't limited to DuPont plants. Operation Earth Shield, EF!, and the U of Oregon Survival Center in Eugene, decorated "Rad Suits" and held a fashion show at the student union. More student actions were staged at U. of Alabama at Tuscaloosa, U. of Puget Sound in Tacoma, and Evergreen College at Olympia, Washington, U. of New Hampshire at Durham, Texas A&M at College Station, U. of Kentucky at Lexington, and even the Mark Keppel High School in Alahambra, California. And let's not forget to mention the actions in Albany NY, Vancouver BC, Salt Lake City and Tucson.

Meanwhile, back in Antioch, California activists brought 55-gallon steel drums decorated with the slogans, "Drum-Out CFC's," "Drum-Out DuPont," "Drum-In for O3." The deer-bone and madrone branch drum sticks made for a loud, festive rhythm that could be heard well inside the plant. 60 rad-suited activists were met by almost as many brown-suited officers of the law, while DuPont shut down all deliveries for the duration of our action. Our message was heard.

There were powerful lessons learned from the Rad Wednesday day of action. First, it took little convincing to get large numbers of groups to take on actions. Perhaps this will serve as a catalyst for more groups to get involved in direct action campaigns for the ozone layer.

Secondly, wherever there is a DuPont plant, there is often an already existing grassroots anti-toxic group you can ally with. For example, in Louisville we learned that a minister keeps vigil every Tuesday outside the plant that killed his father. In Montague, Michigan grassroots activists were hoping that someone would organize a national day against DuPont and were disappointed when they learned of our event only 2 days before it was to occur. No action took place there, but we did establish a contact for the next round.

Many of these people in grassroots groups fighting DuPont are African-American, Native American, Latino and plain working class people. And no wonder! Like most toxic producers, DuPont likes to build plants in poor disempowered neighborhoods where they can draw on a supply of compliant worker drones who they hope won't complain. But some of them do.

The third lesson is that the media coverage we received nationwide was astonishingly good, especially considering that many of the actions were relatively small. Ozone destruction has been an under-reported story, and even dim-witted journalists know that there is no 6 o'clock news on a dead planet.

The deadly hole in the ozone grows daily and the catastrophic effects grow along with it. DuPont has been announcing for years that they plan to halt production of CFC's, moving deadlines ahead as they approach. Their corporate foot dragging is too dangerous to ignore, as reports of blind sheep and fish in Tierra del Fuego, Chile, epidemic skin cancers in Australia and massive die-off of phytoplankton (which produces 70% of our oxygen). These biological tragedies in the southern hemisphere are the image of our future, as the ozone hole grows to a size that is now 3 times the size of the USA and 22 miles deep.

DuPont is not the only corporation destroying the ozone, and CFC's are not the only chemical culprit. Carbon tetrachloride, methyl bromide, methyl chloroform are manufactured by Dow, Allied Signal, Vulcan Chemicals and a dozen others. The good news is there are so many villains you won't have to travel far to participate in the next Rad Wednesday which will probably take place in April.

We chose to focus on DuPont because they are a corporate leader, a 200-year old company with good name recognition. And the message delivered to DuPont on Rad Wednesday by radiation-suited, UV-sunglass-clad, drum-beating, howling protestors was clear: the future is now.

For more info, or to order radiation suits, or UV-proof sunglasses with the slogan "Ozone Destruction has a name: DuPont" or "Don't be blind to the Ozone Hole!" (white or red frames) send your donation to EarthFirst! PO Box 34, Garberville, Ecotopia 95542.

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Book Notes

Beginning with this issue, we plan to review books of potential interest to rebel workers on a regular basis. Reviews will focus on books on organizing, the labor movement, labor history, the environment, the state of the U.S. and world economy and similar issues, though we are also open to other material.

I have agreed to coordinate the book review section. If you are interested in reviewing books, please let me know areas and/or specific titles of interest. I will then contact publishers in order to obtain a copy. Or if you've already read a book you'd like to share with your fellow workers, just write up a review and send it in.

As a general rule, reviews should run no more than 3-4 pages, typed, double-spaced. (Shorter reviews are always welcome.) They should briefly summarize what the book is about and how useful it is (or isn't), broader musings on the book's weaknesses or what it tells us about the state of the labor movement or whatever are fine as long as you tell us what the book does say before discussing what it doesn't. Also, please let me know what level of editing is okay before I need to clear the edited review with you in advance.

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The Road Not Taken

Review by X333295

Introduction to the United States: An Autonomist Political History
by Noel Ingatiev

1992, **Final Conflict Publishing, 2298 Clay St. Denver CO 80211**. Paper, 26 pages, $3.75 postpaid. Printed by IWW workers at P&L Printing Job Shop; introduced by Lowell May. 5 or more copies, $3 each postpaid.

For generations folks in the US in particular have wrestled with the issue of racism. With the '60s one generation, significantly including many European-Americans came more keenly face to face with the issue; and yet a resolution seems as far away as ever, with the growth of the fascist and white supremacist right, the race riots of Los Angeles and the deterioration of race relations in a deteriorating economy.

For the increasing number of people who have figured out that racism is more than just a bad idea, there are an increasing number of analyses available, but this is one of the more succinct and yet comprehensive, covering the history, culture and political economy of racism in the US.

The booklet entitled *Introduction to the United States: An Autonomist Political History*, was written as part of an exchange of delegations between 2 groups of an international federation organized around autonomous politics in the late 1970s and early 80s. Sojourner Truth Organization (STO) in the US, and Revolutionary Struggle in Ireland, published for each delegation, basic analyses of their respective societies for exchange. The *Introduction* was STO's contribution. It is accompanied by a 1992 preface by the author. The booklet is produced by an IWW Job Shop in Denver, and is available from Denver IWW Branch.

The jumping off point of the *Introduction* can best be identified by its reference to the pivotal 1870s. Like the 1960s, this was a time of global insurgence. In the US South, following the Civil War and after the slave revolts, Blacks and some poor European-Americans seized power and formed radical Reconstruction governments in several states.

In Europe during the same period, the Paris Commune was sending shock waves through the still-young industrial capitalist world. In 1871, 20,000 leftists and unionists marched through New York City in solidarity with the Paris Commune and yet, at best, ignored the South Carolina commune just 500 miles away!

Why? White supremacy - and this is one crucial point to understand in this history - had contaminated not just the ruling classes, but the European "white" workers as well.

How? Not just as a set of bad ideas, but because the once-united European and African indentured servants were treated differently. The European servants were granted "freedom;" the Africans were made life-long slaves. This all took place after a series of bloody revolts by European and African workers together in the late 1600s. In return for this "freedom," European workers were expected to police their African brothers and sisters.

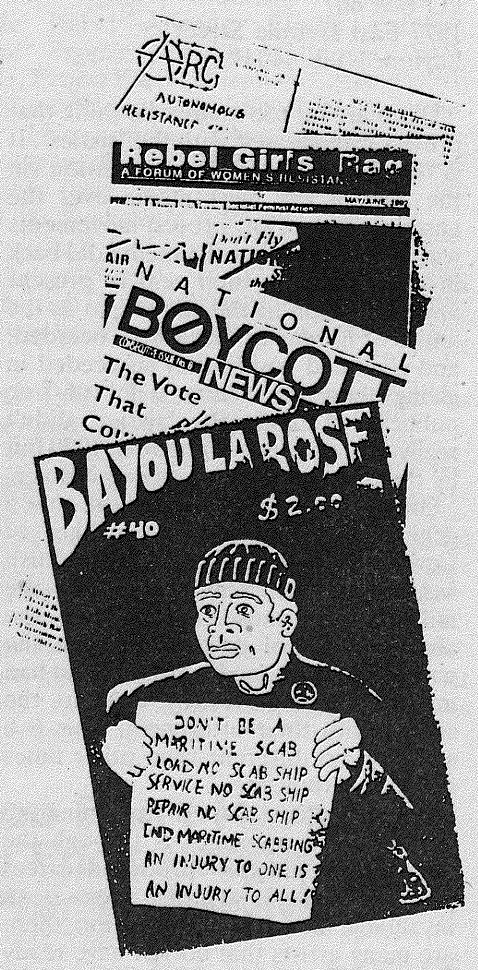
And so it has developed. Why do the Irish rebels in their own land, producing such revolutionaries as the Wobbly James Connolly -- why do these same folk constitute a major racist, anti-working class force in the US? Because they bought into the system of white supremacy in this country.

Until the sons and daughters of European immigrants come to grips with this reality, the cause of working class unity is lost, in the US and possible everywhere.

The answer? European-American workers have, in fits and starts, joined in rebellion against their masters, and the form this is taking on more often is the "race riot." The LA Riot included a substantial number of European-Americans who decided against behaving "as whites." The growth and development of this movement is chronicled in a new publication by Ignatiev and other writers, called *The Race Traitor* and published in Boston and New York.

The *Introduction* also contains provocative material on the historical non-viability of a Labor Party in the US, the prospects of fascism, and general questions of strategy which emphasize the autonomist notion of building on the culture of actual struggle.

This is an easy-to-read yet fundamentally important resource for all who seek revolutionary change involving a class and race perspective. Does it rely on changing forms of organization? Harder work? Better organizing? No, though all these things are needed. This analysis concentrates on identifying the political blind spot of white supremacism and grafting a challenge onto the popular revolts that inevitably accompany capitalism. It's a perspective European-American radicals can ignore only at the peril of repeating the errors made since the 1870s.



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In 1973, then-Black Panther Sundiata Acoli was captured after a shoot-out on the New Jersey Turnpike during which their companion Zayd Shakur and a state trooper, Werner Foerster, were killed. Sentenced to life at Trenton State Prison, Sundiata was confined 5 years in isolation, then secretly transferred to the Federal Pen at Marion, Illinois, (with other political prisoners) although he had no federal charges or convictions. An entrance physical exam showed that Sundiata had been heavily exposed to tuberculosis at Trenton Prison. For the next 8 years at Marion, he was confined 23 hours per day in an isolation cell containing only a stone bed, toilet bowl and sink. Finally in 1987, Sundiata was transferred to general population at Leavenworth, Kansas.

Sundiata has had only one minor disciplinary infraction in the last 10 years. At Leavenworth he has maintained a straight "A" average in all his college courses while earning diplomas in both Desktop Computers and Paralegal Real Estate Law. He has also received "above average" job-performance ratings and has worked 7 days a week for the last 5 years as cellblock janitor.

After 20 long, hard years, Sundiata Acoli, ex-Black Panther, is coming up for parole in early 1993. In spite of his outstanding achievements and good behavior, the parole board plans to give him a 10 year "hit", meaning, "Do 10 more years!" For Sundiata, 56 years old and infected with tuberculosis, that will amount to a death sentence.

Send letters and petitions, and demand that Sundiata be released at his parole hearing, to: **New Jersey State Parole Board, CN-862, Trenton, NJ 08625 USA (609) 292-4257.**

Please send copies to SAFC.



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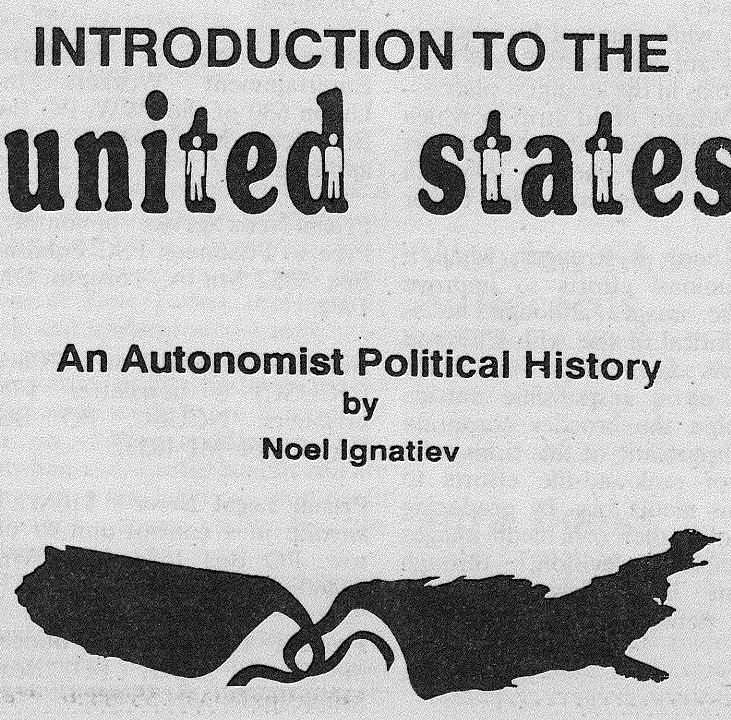
Paterson Anarchist Collective Bookstore Off to a Good Start

PAC is now providing labor, labor history, and anarchist books and literature for the Paterson, New Jersey community. Workers report sales and donations are picking up. Located at 285 Preakness Avenue, they have an IWW section as well as a selection of titles from Kerr Publishing.

Workers are also doing solidarity work with a Trenton Black Liberation Army anarchist who is in prison.

The new venture received a setback when windows were broken and stock damaged by gunshots, prior to the store's opening. No one was in the store at the time of the shooting, but police had earlier searched the store and had made threats. Workers say there has been no more trouble with police at the store although some youths claimed police had offered them money to harass the store; but the youths told the cops, "it's not worth it."

Donations to help the new bookstore get going, and requests for info: PO Box 8532, Haledon NJ 07508.



Angry Graphics
Protest Posters of the Reagan Bush Era

Karrie Jacobs and Steven Heller
Paperbound $17.95
Peregrine Smith Publishers
PO Box 667
1877 East Gentile Street
Layton, Utah 84041

There are far too many who think that protest disappeared with the "sixties". It is true there has been no mention on the part of the news media over the ensuing years of any protest movements with the hoopla that the media did back in those days. In their zeal to present any opposition to the status quo as the antics of hordes of unwashed, bearded, and alienated youth, they succeeded in giving these protesters a lot of free publicity. Actually the "sixties" didn't really pick up steam until after 1970 but by then the media was playing it down.

One may be inclined to believe that a generation living under the likes of Cowboy Ronnie and George CIA Bush would be far removed from the militancy of those days. With the absolute lack of co-operation on the part of the news media anyone who had important things to say took to the streets with their utterances. This is a situation no different than other times of great turbulence.

One of the best ways of disseminating unsanctioned messages is through the medium of cheaply produced street posters. While a printing press is an invaluable aid to such production, there are many artists that do not have ready access to such. But with today's technology the accessibility of xerox machines facilitates a much quicker process.

The authors of this book with its 96 pages and 75 illustrations, forty of them in full color, say that they actually could have made it ten times longer from all the submissions they received. What they wanted to do was dispel the impression that this past decade was a time of indifference to social problems and the concern to rectify them.

As social problems have not disappeared with the sixties, but on the contrary have even intensified, this protest art has flourished, accordingly. Added to the ever on-going threat of military conflict, there are the concerns of ecology, the disappearance of jobs, the spread of poverty, disease and hunger, and now the scourge of AIDS with the attendant indifference on the part of those who manipulate us.

This book is replete with poster art addressing these concerns, by well-known artists as well as those who are unknown or who prefer anonymity due to the nature of their work. Many of the examples are devoted to reproduction rights and the controversial topic of abortion. One billboard sized poster includes a statement on art censorship: "First they want to take away a woman's right to choose. Now they're censoring art." Senator Jesse Helms who is doing his best to initiate art censorship comes in for some wicked attacks but the best is a photo of a young Central American woman lying in bed with her legs shot off stating in small print Helm's support of military dictatorships around the World and in banner headlines, IS IT OBSCENE - JESSE HELMS DOESN'T THINK SO.

In Seattle where public park benches were removed false plaques were affixed in their place: "This bench has been removed in order to deny the poor and homeless a place to sit". Another utilizes the technique of collage calling attention to KKK support of Reagan by showing him peeking from beneath a Klan hood.

Some posters do a take off on well known brand name products. Esther Hernandez whose family lives and works in the region of California where the water table has been polluted by the indiscriminate use of pesticides. Sun Maid Raisins has been altered to depict a smiling skull in a sun bonnet and fluffy blouse with the legend, "Sun Mad Raisins _ Unnaturally Grown With - Insecticides -Miticides - Herbicides - Fungicides."

Another shows the photograph of an American servicewoman with a herd of camels in the background with the words, "Did she risk her life for governments that enslave women?" Our outgoing top-banana comes in for a lot of uncomplimentary collaging but one of the most biting posters addresses Cardinal Cooke's opposition to the free distribution of condoms in order to stem the spread of AIDS. It shows the good cardinal in his peaked cap next to a picture of an open condom, underneath which it says, " This one prevents AIDS." And the large banner type says, "KNOW YOUR SCUMBAGS."

Herein can be found the work of accomplished artists using sophisticated graphic techniques contrasted with cruder efforts using less sophisticated technology. However the most successful pieces are those that utilize a simple graphic image with a minimum of words.

This is a book well worth having and in light of today's rising costs, I do not consider the price out of line.

--Carlos Cortez

Through Jaundiced Eyes: How the Media View Organized Labor,

by William Puette
ILR Press (School of Industrial & Labor Relations, Cornell University, Ithaca NY 14853-3901), 1992, 228 pages, $16.95.

Labor studies professor William Puette presents the shocking conclusion that the labor movement has been unfairly depicted (when it is shown at all) in films, television news and drama, newspapers and cartoons. *Through Jaundiced Eyes* begins with chapters discussing bias in each of these media outlets. This general overview is supplemented with two studies of coverage of particular labor stories and a discussion of recent efforts by labor unions to improve their public image. Unfortunately, although Puette's claim that the media exhibit consistent, often virulent, anti-labor bias is certainly true, this book is often unconvincing.

Puette's methods are badly flawed, as when he argues that labor stories regularly run next to reports of criminal activity, thereby associating labor with crime in readers' minds. But in today's New York Times (as I write) an ad for Texaco runs underneath two crime articles, while an article on New York's mayor runs to the side. Elsewhere, an article on the elections runs beside one on a rape trial, while a prison brawl is boxed into an article on Long Island's electric utility. This jumble is natural in newspaper design--the only way to isolate labor articles from such juxtapositions would be to bury them in the Sports pages or the stock market listings. (I couldn't find any articles about unions today, though unions are mentioned briefly in an article on layoffs at TWA and a piece on worker's compensation.)

Similarly, while some of his readings of cartoons are on target, Puette sees anti-union bias in the strangest places -- such as a Wizard of Id strip in which unionized soldiers stop the mayhem for a coffee break, or another in which jailed strikers demonstrate for better treatment.

Puette's book is strongest when it discusses unions' efforts to improve their public image, although he is largely uncritical of the AFL-CIO and their efforts to reshape the labor movement as a responsible service agency within the broader corporate order. Symptomatic of this is his total disregard of rank-and-file efforts to counter this media bias by producing and distributing their own media images - on cable television, through independent labor newspapers, on computer networks and over the airwaves.

--Jon Bekken

In These Times Pays Up

An aggressive campaign spearheaded by the National Writers Union (NWU) against *In These Times* has resulted in victory. Almost every union member (including me) involved in the grievance has been paid.

The victory did not come easily. In a poll conducted over the summer, members of the ITT bargaining unit voted by over 85% to authorize militant action against the paper if it continued to violate its contract with NWU. The main stumbling block in the negotiations was publisher James Weinstein, who acknowledged in an interview with the *Chicago Reader* that "the writers are the only ones you can screw without getting the paper shut down. So regardless of our intentions, that's what happens to them."



Grievance officer Cindy Sims pointed out all along that the primary issue in the ITT dispute is "honesty not money." NWU president Jonathan Tasini gave the paper a November 14 deadline for payment still owed to aggrieved union members. Tasini also told publisher Weinstein that, "we will no longer allow ITT to use the cloak of progressive politics to treat its workers no better than Frank Lorenzo."

Apparently, some of the more militant tactics won the day for the NWU. For a long time, the NWU was willing to work through the delays, understanding full well the financial pitfalls of left-wing publishing. It was never the intention of the NWU to put ITT out of business. However, when push came to shove, the NWU shoved and ITT paid up.

On a positive note, the NWU, a small-membership union affiliated with the UAW, showed that persistence and union solidarity are a winning equation. Plus, the grievance against ITT raised some issues in the lefty community. Mainly, is it reasonable for a paper to profess progressive politics when it in turn treats its writers badly?

Despite the victory for union writers, other freelance writers not attached to the union are still owed at least $114,000. The NWU has not given up and has asked that ITT agree to a precise timetable for retirement of debts owed to these writers. --*Jeff Kelly*

Periodicals You Should Know About

Industrial Worker has recently received or heard about the following publications.

Rebel Girls Rag - A Forum of Women's Resistance. Trade union & other action on women's issues. 5 issues $10/year:Toronto Socialist Feminist Action, PO Box 70 Stn F, Toronto ON Canada M4L 2L4.

Homebase - A Forum for Women at Home. Quarterly publication of Mothers Are Women (MAW). to voice common concerns, learn from each other, and educate ourselves about social & economic issues which concern us. Sample copy $2.50 MAW/Homebase, PO Box 4104 Stn E, Ottawa ON Canada K1S 5B1.

Welfare Mothers Voice - By, for & about low-income mothers. 4 issues $15 ($4 for very low income mothers): Welfare Mothers Voice, 4504 N 47, Milwaukee WI 53218.

Bayou La Rose - International Journal of Working Class Ecological Anarchism and Human Rights Activism. Quarterly: USA $7.50/yr. Overseas $15/yr. PO Box 5464, Tacoma WA 98415 - 0464.

El Perro Rojo -Zine Redskin- Published by a group of anarchist & communist punks & skinheads. Available from: D. Moreno, AA 56385, Bogota 2 DC, Colombia.

Buskers Rag - newsletter for Entertainment Workers Industrial Union 630 of the IWW. PO Box 1400, Brewster MA 02631. Donations appreciated.

Prison News Service - bimonthly. $10/yr. Free to Prisoners. PSC Publishers, PO Box 5052 Stn A, Toronto ON M5W 1W4.

National Committee on US Corrections (NCUSC) - newsletter $7/yr. for prisoners. NCUSC, PO Box 308, Farmington MI 48332.

Prison Legal News - $10/yr. Free to anyone in a control unit or on death row. PO Box 1684, Lake Worth FL 33460.

Profane Existence - Political punk movement paper. PO Box 8722, Minneapolis MN 55408.

Union of Incarcerated But Innocent Citizens - newsletter edited by Jacob Feuerwerker, published by The Freedom Advocate Publications, c/o AP&H, 23820 Miles Rd. Cleveland OH 44128.

ApaEros - Sexual freedom magazine. $2. c/o The Clerk, Blackberry House, 960 SW Jefferson Ave, Corvalis OR 97333.

Jersey Anarchist - Voice of the North Jersey Anarchist Federation. NJAF, PO Box 8532, Haledon NJ 07508 - 8532.

Love & Rage - PO Box 3, Prince St. Stn., New York NY 10012.

L E S Class War Organizer, PO Box 20950, Tompkins Sq. Sta. New York NY 10009.

Autonomous Resistance Collective - quarterly. News, Prisoners Forum, Autonomous Child Development, etc. ARC, PO Box 9841, Savannah GA 31412.

KAS-KOR Digest - News of Russian labor struggles. PO Box 16, Moscow 129642, Russia.

Feminist Action & Action Now - publications of the National Action Cte. on the Status of Women (Canada). Friends of NAC $40; low income $20/yr. Membership Coord. NAC, 57 Mobile Dr. Toronto ON M4A 1H5.

Native Resistance News, PO Box 5464 Tacoma WA 98415 - 0464. Brings together western hemisphere indigenous struggles.

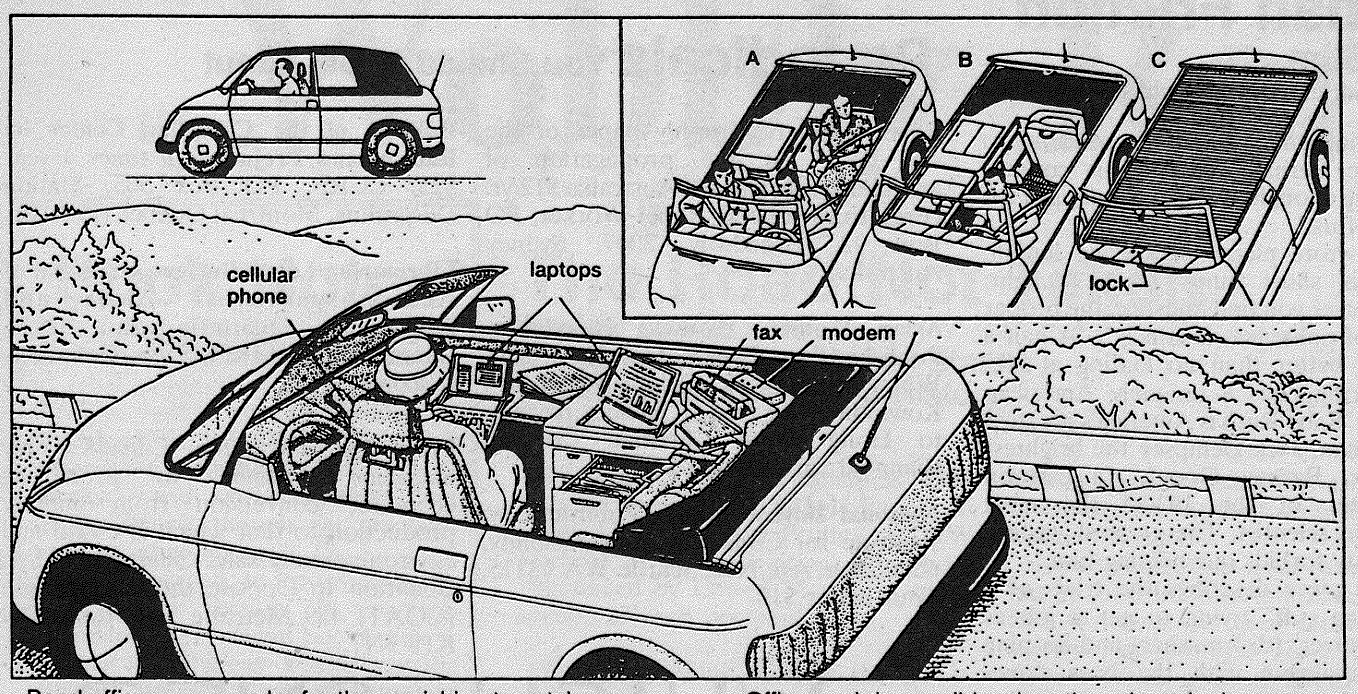
Blueprint for Social Justice Twomey Center for Peace Through Justice, Loyola University, Box 12, 6363 St. Charles Ave. New Orleans LA 70118 - 6195. December 1992 features "Creating Non-Violent Schools: Beginning With the Children," by Linda Lantieri. Donations.

Anti-Poverty News. $10/yr. APN, 120 King St. Fredericton NB E3B1C9.

Ideas & Action. Published by Workers Solidarity Alliance. Quarterly $12/yr. PO Box 40400, San Francisco CA 94140. (E-mail: wsa@lever.com)

Sparks - Rank & File Public Transport Workers Paper. PO Box 145, Moreland 3058 Victoria, Australia.

ROAD OFFICE



Road offices are popular for those wishing to catch up on work at the roadside or during a prolonged stop signal or traffic tie-up. As shown in the inset, two passengers can be seated if a desktop is retracted and seats pulled down (A).

Office work is possible when there is a single passenger, or none, in the rear seat (B). Expensive office equipment is hidden securely beneath a locked, rolled steel safety shutter (C).

Office Work of the Future?

These images seem unreal and rather comical, but they actually combine current trends and existing technology in new ways. These office scenes are selected from among many other topics in a unique book:

Public Therapy Buses, information specialty bums, solar cook-a-mats and other visions of the 21st century - by Steven M. Johnson. St. Martin's Press, New York 1991. Paper $7.95.

Other extensions into the future are grouped under the chapter headings, "Accessories with a Purpose," "Everyday Efficiency," "Getting Around in a Hurry," "The Green Community," "A Secure Place to Sleep," and "Services to Meet New Needs."

A drawing of Johnson's "pedal train" from "Getting Around" was featured on the cover of May 1992 Industrial Worker.

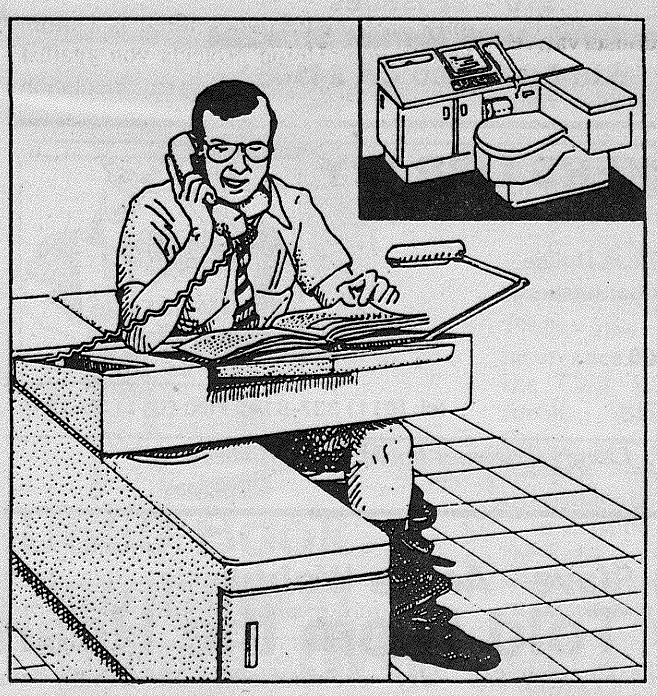
It is possible that some of these innovations will really take place before long. Some of the ideas seem quite practical, such as the portable shower -- the perfect answer for people who bicycle or jog to work in an office. Other images make us wonder. In a way it makes sense for workers to sleep over at the office - it's the sort of thing that could become reality someday, and the question is do we want it to happen?

So this book, as well as providing many chuckles, makes us question where the trends we see around us today are leading. Johnson provides no moral judgement, he simply draws lines into the future until they intersect. He takes the tendency of human society for efficiency and invention a little further than most of us have imagined.

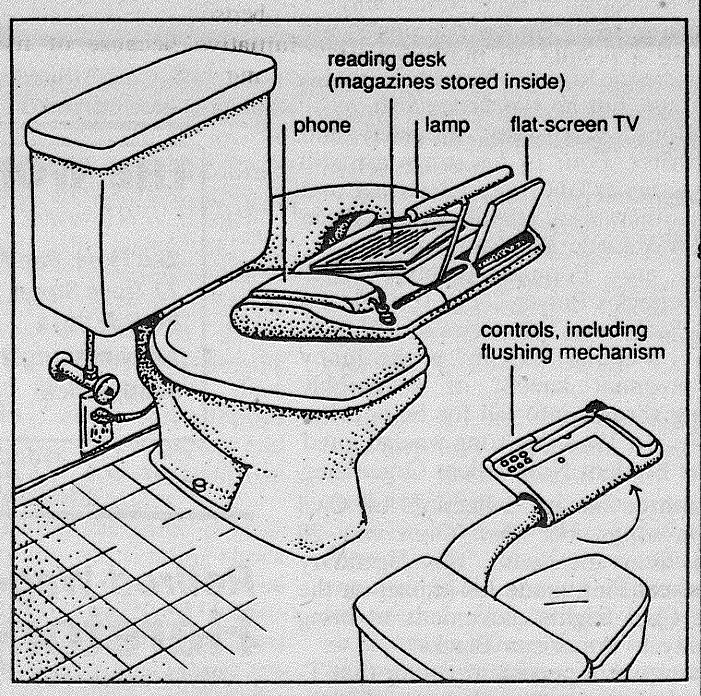
You'll want to leave Public Therapy Buses in a place where people can pick it up and glance through it, such as on the coffee table.

Available from St. Martin's Press, 175 Fifth Ave. New York, NY 10010.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMODE



A worried employee or manager who ponders a pending sale all night makes immediate use at first light of the "facilitates"-- his communications commode. Its sophisticated desktop swivels across his lap, giving him access to a phone, technical magazines or a computer bulletin board.



Information Age toilet systems come in several styles, but all share features in common that include a reading desk, lamp, computer, and phone.

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Time Tested Books A community resource

Time Tested carries mostly second hand books, but offers some new titles with a large radical selection that includes Chomsky and Martin Sprouse. Labor, politics, history, natural history - John Muir, Ansel Adams - and California and Western, are some of their main shelf sections. Currently workers have on hand a Bill Haywood biography and another about Joe Hill.

Time Tested serves the Sacramento community at 1114 21st. St., Sacramento 95814. Tel: 916/447-5696.

Punk-Underground Music Co-op

Time Tested also offers poetry readings, and performances by local musicians including such virtuosos as Jess Grant and Daryl Cherney (IU630). A musician's co-op has formed from meetings at Time Tested, representing 15 punk and underground bands. The co-op formed in reaction to the commercial promoters' business, and the entertainment workers are determined to get rid of the middleman. They recently had a successful benefit and are working to set up a non-profit performance space run by the musicians.

One worker said it seemed to be "pretty impossible" to organize among folk and traditional musicians, noting that they either have ideological blinds, or they won't work with younger people. Those who do, often have a condescending attitude and a tendency to dictate. He also said that age-ism goes both ways sometimes, with some younger folks refusing to work with older workers.

Wooden Shoe Books & Records

112 South 20th St., Philadelphia PA 19103. Workers at the Wooden Shoe are involved in a project of sending books to prisoners, and welcome donations and assistance.

Jura Books

110 Crystal St., Petersham, Sydney Australia. Anarchist & Syndicalist literature. Workers at Jura are struggling to pay off their purchase of their building, and would welcome assistance.

New Release

Utopian Worker

New Earth Press Sept. 1992. Recycled paper 96 pg. Volume 1 of an annual journal devoted to the art and spirituality of liberation. Essays, interviews, poetry, drawings. Contributors include Isabel Allende, Elizam Escobar, Margot Pepper, Ernesto Cardenal, Willy Spieler, Ernest Bloch, Dorothee Soelle. Edited by Clifton Ross; assoc. editors Marc Batko, Steve Hays-Lohrey, Dave Karoly, Peter Swearengen. Paper, $8.95 (ask for bulk prices) Available from New Earth Publications, PO Box 4790, Berkeley CA 94704.

A very attractive book, and interesting contribution to the literature. IW will no doubt have a more thorough review soon!

Food Not Bombs - How to Feed the Hungry and Build Community

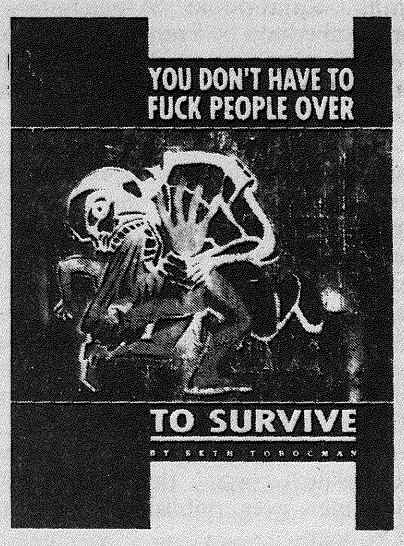
by C.T. Lawrence Butler & Keith McHenry; illustrated by Keith McHenry.
New Society Publishers, 4527 Springfield Ave. Philadelphia PA 19143. Paper $8.95 (add $2.50 postage). Canada: New Society Publ. PO Box 189, Gabriola Island BC V0R 1X0.

Tells in specific detail how to collect food, prepare and distribute it. Warns us to not let "leaders" or elites make the decisions for us when it comes to food.

You Don't Have to Fuck People Over to Survive

by Seth Tobocman
Pressure Drop Press, PO Box 460754, San Francisco CA 94146. In Britain: AK Distribution, 3 Balmoral Place, Stirling Scotland FK8 2RD.

136 pages of Collected comic strips, graphics and illustrated stories of Seth Tobocman. Bold black and white images focusing on social and economic warfare in America, from relationships to police oppression.



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Juice Is Stranger Than Friction

Selected Writings of T-Bone Slim

Edited & Introduced by Franklin Rosemont. Charles H. Kerr Publishing Co.

Review by Harry Siitonen

An outstanding characteristic of many of us Finns is our rich, earthy sense of humor. Who hasn't heard of the "Savolais' humoria" from the Savo region of southeastern Finland? But did you know that there was an American Finn whom many students of American wit and humor now consider in the same league as Mark Twain, W.C. Fields and Lenny Bruce? Not many American Finns have ever heard of Matt Valentin Huhta. Veterans and students of the radical labor movement are familiar with T-Bone Slim, an American Wobbly -- an IWW columnist and songwriter, hobo, barge captain, philosopher and humorist whose wicked sense of social satire. Slim's joyful playing with the English language made his wit unique and unparalleled. Matt Valentin Huhta and T-Bone Slim were one and the same person.

T-Bone/Huhta was a familiar figure among Wobblies and activists and among the restless, itinerant working class of the 1920s, 30s and early 40s, riding the rods around the country seeking work in its mines, ranches and forests. Not much is known about Huhta's personal life -- there isn't even a known photograph available -- but he was born and raised in Ashtabula, Ohio, the son of Finnish immigrant parents.

The late Fred Thompson, IWW historian and one-time instructor at the Finnish Wobbly-run Work Peoples College in Smithville MN, said Huhta spoke Finnish, but probably could not read or write it. But he was an imaginative wordsmith in writing his rich, colorful and ascerbic American English.

Now many of T-Bone's writings, which appeared mostly in the *Industrial Worker* and other IWW publications for over two decades have been incorporated into a new book, *Juice Is Stranger Than Friction - The Selected Writings of T-Bone Slim.*

The book is published by Charles H. Kerr and edited by Franklin Rosemont, a noted American surrealist who has also edited the works of French surrealist Andre Breton in the US. Rosemont has written an informative introduction, referring to the Finnish immigrant influence in the early 20th century American labor movement, particularly the IWW. There has been a virtual academic industry of IWW histories emerging during the past decade and more, but there is scant mention of the Finnish impact; Finns comprised the largest single ethnic affiliate within the early IWW. The Finnish language newspaper Industrialisti was the only daily newspaper ever published under the IWW aegis.

American surrealists have adopted Huhta as one of their own because of his innovative artistry in expanding the horizons of the American language.

Entertaining essays spice this book, many still fresh and funny while some suffer from dating and flatness. T-Bone took on everybody, tweaking the noses of industrialists, politicians and militay brass. He mercilessly flailed at the pomposity and pretension of his time. His puns and wordplay, and sometimes hyperbole, had a gusto and creativity which spoke of genius -- from a fellow who probably never finished high school. When Slim got through with them, all would-be emperors were disrobed of all raiment.

Scribes of the various hard left wing sects that have dotted the political landscape in this country have been notorious for their lack of humor. Their usually sorry attempts at it are mostly as heavy-handed and pedantic as more "serious" ideological jargon. Not so with T-Bone Slim. His was the deft rapier of vibrant, scintillating and good natured wit, as opposed to the bludgeon or the political primal scream. He even enjoyed poking fun at himself. Why be so super-serious, when you can make your point more effectively as part of a jovial romp? A case in point:

"Some misguided men have been trying to coax the world's other great writer into this country. I'm referring to George Bernard Shaw. This country ain't big enough (nor broad enough) for both of us."

He wrote pieces of varying length, but his short quips are a delight: "Wherever you find injustice, the proper form of politeness is attack." "A half a loaf is better than no loafing at all." His writing has a uniquely American flavor: "Babe Ruth is America's greatest statesman, Jack Dempsey the brightest scholar, Barney Google (a cartoon character of the 1930s) the most eminent scientist. The greatest writer? Modesty forbids our naming him."

One piece describes the trials of a "working stiff" trying to get a job as "pearl diver" (dish washer) and his ping pong dialogue with the boss drives home the point on the nature of class relationships. His criticism of the big business press was a major focus of his writing: "Once again speech is free -- but you must not mention anything."

T-Bone was popular with working people. He identified with them, they with him. Hoboes would scrawl quotes of his sayings on boxcars, seafarers would chalk them on waterfronts and ships at sea. Slim was a loner and too shy to be an effective orator or soapbox agitator. He never talked much about his personal life; writing was his forte, and the IWW was his life.

Slim apparently did not involve himself much within the Finnish radical community. Wobbly veterans like Fred Thompson and fellow Finn Archie Brown said T-Bone would occasionally hop off a boxcar in Duluth and drop in at Work Peoples College.

Rosemont's introduction indicated that Huhta would sometimes hang out at the Finn Wobbly center - the Tarmo Club in New York City - when he was working as a barge captain in the harbor. Incidentally, T-Bone drowned in May, 1942 in NY Harbor while working on his barge "Casey." Nobody knew his exact age, but he was around 50.

T-Bone was also a poet and songwriter. Four of his songs are still sung today at labor music festivals, and many others were standbys for years in the IWW Little Red Songbook. These are "Popular Wobbly," "The Lumberjack's Prayer," "I'm Too Old To Be A Scab," and "Mysteries of a Hobo's Life." "Popular Wobbly" is the funny yet poignant lament of a Wobbly getting thrown into jail for being what he was. In 1963 this song was adapted by the Student Non-violent Organizing Committee in its collection of Civil Rights songs, *We Shall Overcome.* 20 years after his death, this legendary American Finn made his impact on the great Civil Rights movement to bring equality to American Blacks!

There was a persistent rumor that T-Bone had once turned down a high-paying job offer with the Hearst press. But he had no interest in conventional "success." He felt more at home in the hobo jungles, soup kitchens, skid roads and Wobbly halls of his America. His writing was devoted to the nurturing of the dream of working class emancipation from a system of greed and privilege.

In this vein, labor folklorist and song archivist Archie Green comments, "T-Bone Slim served fellow rebels as an IWW press columnist and word alchemist. Better than most radical writers, he blended proletarian humor, gypsy job skills and a belief in the commonwealth of toil. Along with John Henry, Paul Bunyan, Joe Hill and Mother Jones, he lives in legendary company."

We American Finns can also claim T-Bone as part of our culture and our ethnic history on America's shores. He deserves our recognition as one of us: another unique figure in all of our diversity of politics and social viewpoints.

The book can be ordered from Charles H. Kerr Publishing Co., 1740 Greenleaf Ave., Chicago IL 60626. 160 pages, cloth $24.95, paper $8.95. Add $2 for postage.

Periodicals You Should Know About

Rebel Worker. Monthly paper of the ASF-IWA for the propagation of anarcho-syndicalism in Australia. $12/yr. (Free to prisoners) Rebel Worker, PO Box 92, Broadway 2007, Sydney Australia.

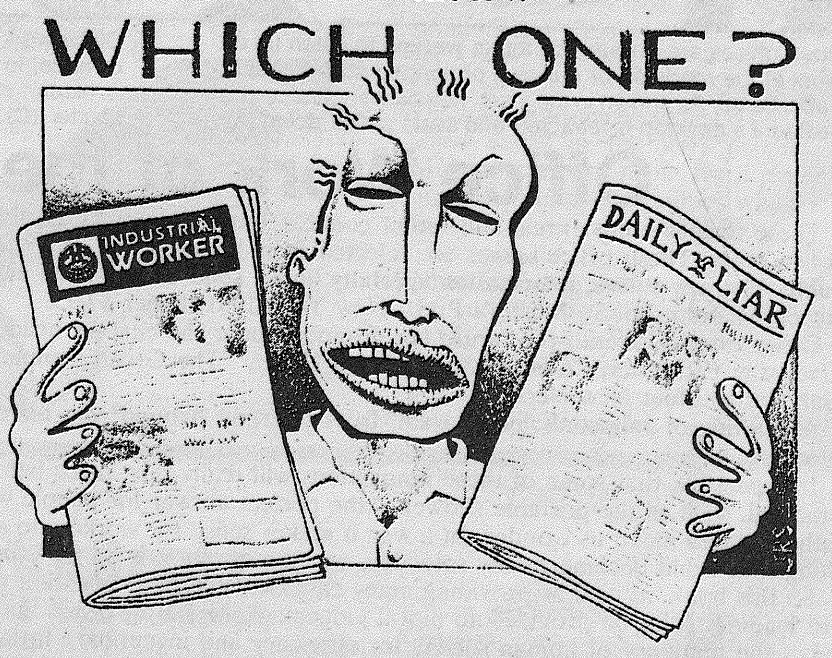
Asian Women Workers Newsletter. Published by Committee for Asian Women (CAW) 57 Peking Road 4/F, Kowloon Hong Kong. Cheques payable to Hong Kong Christian Council. Biannual subscription $20.

National Boycott News Published by: Institute for Consumer Responsibility, 6506 28th. Ave NE., Seattle WA 98115. Four issues $10.

Bulletin of the Canadian Center on Racism and Prejudice 6 times a year $25. CCRP, PO Box 505, Station Desjardins, Montreal Quebec H5B 1B6.

Libertarian Labor Review. A Journal of Anarchosyndicalist Ideas and Discussion. Quarterly Box 2824, Champaign IL 61825. $5/yr. Donations welcome.

Press for Conversion. Canada's only magazine devoted to promoting economic conversion from military production to that which is useful and environmentally safe. Quarterly $20/yr. Coalition to Oppose the Arms Trade (COAT) 489 Metcalfe St. Ottawa ON K1S 3N7.



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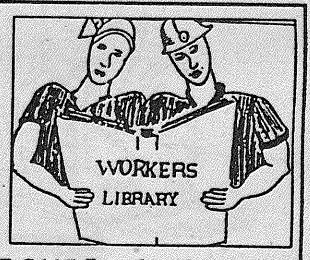
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Herstory Told From the Heart

Phyllis Sembos lives in New Jersey. She has decided to reveal her impressions of life in America as a child of immigrant parents during the depression years. She also sheds important light on a hidden part of "history." Phyllis is currently seeking a publisher for her written works.

As a child, I loved listening to the stories my grandfather and his friends told sitting around the makeshift living room in the cold water flat of 49th Street. No one paid much attention to me, sitting to one side, but everything said was absorbed and romanticized in my 10-year old mind, who hated what was told her in school because of biased, fascist teachers.

Growing up, I realised many people love stories but hate the way they are told. I suppose that's why TV has such a draw. People are more visual than mental. So I began to write my stories.

My first was "On Forty-Ninth Street," about a neighborhood of immigrants during the Depression and how an 11-year old struggled to grow up amidst the characters there. There is history, romance, drama and tragedy, of course. But I tried to say it from the heart.

Second, the story of "Rosa," 2 immigrant sisters who came to America from a rotten monarchy in Greece, a fascist dictator who sucked the people dry economically, emotionally and mentally. Their dreams of America are not what they hoped. And slowly, corrosion eats away at them until they become disenchanted.

Third, "Frosso" is about the way Greeks and Armenians once lived in Turkey before and after the 1922 Catastrophe that, even today, the Turkish authorities deny ever happened. The girl is caught in the horror and comes to America in search of her child and is almost swallowed up in the myth of America's meaning. Bosnians are really Turks of the Ottoman Empire and today, as then, they are receiving the sympathy and assistance. The Serbs who shed gallons of human blood fighting against the Nazis in World War II, are being ignored and the hallowed history of Tito and his heroism is being buried in Turkish dust once again.

Few publishers wish to offend the Turkish government and they won't consider any mention of the atrocities of that era. But history cannot hide forever and I wrote my stories with honest mention of it.

I will close with sincere hopes that 1993 will bring some promise of betterment for the Union and all the suffering nations under the "new world order."

--Phyllis Sembos

Healing Global Wounds as the New World Order

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On October 2 when former President Bush signed HR 53-73, the Water and Energy Bill, the 32 electoral votes from the state of Texas became his Election Day prize. Asked about Section 507 of this bill, he retorted: "Highly objectionable, and I'll have it overturned early next term." As a lame duck, he lost the opportunity to trounce the Nuclear Test Moratorium which went into effect October 1 and ends June 30, 1993. Since President Clinton supports the Moratorium, the uphill battle to make the 1993 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty can now commence.

Never had the anti-nuclear and indigenous rights coaltion (Western Shoshone National Council, American Peace Test, Nevada Desert Experience, Global Anti-Nuclear Alliance, etc.) been assured of a peace camp at NTS (Nevada Test Site) when no underground tests would occur. More than once in the past 8 years, the DOE (Dept. of Energy) had conducted such testing while a peace camp population armed with a Western Shoshone PERMIT to Gather, Go, and Come, were arrested for civil resistance to that very testing.

The mood at the 10-day Healing Global Wounds conference was euphoric. The Walk Across America and the European Peace Pilgrimage had completed their 3,000 mile trek and was welcomed into Las Vegas October 2. The weekend workshops and pow-wow included testimony from international indigenous leaders on human/land rights, 500 years of resistance, and survival issues. Experts presented human and environmental effects of radiation exposure from NTS, uranium mining, leaky nuclear waste dumps and other nuclear test sites. After the Las Vegas DOE action Monday morning, the 65 mile walk to NTS resumed. Teach-ins and workshops began Friday Oct.9, and were capped off by a community concert that evening.

WOBS from Denver (Reclaim Ground Zero Affinity Group) and Seattle-Tacoma (Big Mountain Support Group) participated in all events. The Don't Waste California coalition gave a workshop on the proposed low-level nuclear waste dump in Ward Valley, but this WOB chose the all day workshop and hike to Yucca Mountain, the proposed site for a national high-level nuclear waste dump. A facilitator from Citizen's Alert guided us via backroads since DOE refused to honor tours to this site during our 10 day conference.

On June 29, an earthquake registering 5.6 on the Richter Scale had shaken Little Skull Mtn, a mere 13 miles from the Yucca Mtn. site. The July 24 technical and media briefing read: "DOE still agrees with the President's Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board that earthquake-related vibratory ground motion is primarily an issue of appropriate design and construction rather than an issue of site suitability." Since the Yucca Mtn. quake was triggered by the June 28 southern California earthquake of 7.4 and "no micro-earthquake faults were observed from the quake or nuclear weapons testing, geological faults near the proposed repository are stable. As long as seismic design parameters are utilized, the Yucca Mtn. repository could survive earthquakes for 10,000 years." How could I not QUESTION AUTHORITY when the half-life of this waste can be a half million years?

Since Saturday was reserved for the All Nations Healing Ceremony for Mother Earth, and followed by afternoon workshops, the Western Shoshone requested that this be an arrest-free day. Workshops included: Nuclear Testing and Self Determination in China, Conversion Efforts in the US and Kazakhstan, and many others. A small contingent from the Peace Camp decided to drive to Las Vegas and have some fun at the official Columbus Day parade. Forty seconds of TV news sound bites was devoted to the protestors, while the official parade only received 5 seconds.

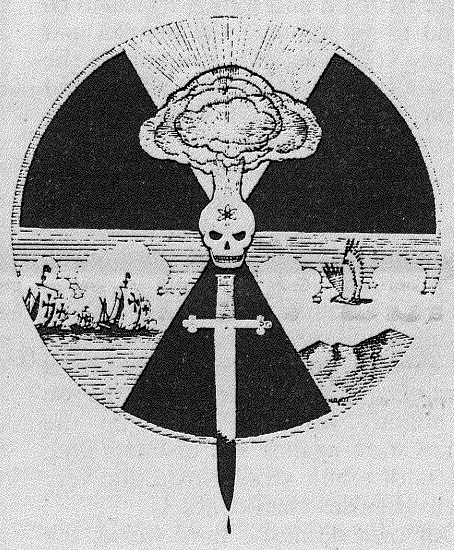
The Saturday evening Spokes Council coordinated mass actions for Sunday's arrests, but 2 enterprising Belgians from the Walk Across America took a midnight stroll to the closed city of Mercury, a DOE company town on the NTS reservation. They were arrested and released Sunday morning, after painting protest slogans on government buildings. Sunday morning's multi-cultural rally was opened by Corbin Harney, Western Shoshone spiritual leader and the 2,000 peace camp activists were welcomed by Chief Ray Yowell, Carrie Dann, Bill Rosse Sr. and Pauline Estevez from the Western Shoshone National Council.

Paiute dancers, Havasupai performers from the Grand Canyon, and singers and musicians entertained peace camp activists until noon. Most of the 530 arrested joined the Western Shoshone and other Native Americans at the cattle guard, where they were arrested and immediately placed in "the pen." Others went over the fence and spent the afternoon on NTS with their affinity group before being finally rounded up by the Wackenhuts in dune buggies and hauled to "the pen." Strict gender segregation in "the pen" and on busses is a DOE rule since "no procreation of peace-niks" is allowed. At the end of the day, busload after busload made their way to Beatty where they are usually booked, processed and released at the school gymnasium. The Nye County Sheriffs most efficiently wrote Trespassing Citations during the hour-long bus ride to Beatty, then released detainees immediately on arrival.

Some arrestees wished to repeat the Belgian caper of the previous midnight, but since the gendarmes judiciously patrolled the 5 miles of road to Mercury, a repeat performance was impossible. Monday's counter-celebration was very relaxed in comparison to previous activities and indigenous elders spoke out and marked the beginning of a reversal of the last 500 years of injustice. By late afternoon most activists had wished each other "happy trails" and only the clean-up crew and Reclaim Ground Zero remained for October 13 meetings.

The good news from Moscow October 14 was the extension of the Russian testing moratorium due to expire October 26. Defense Minister Pavel Grachev stated: "It's up to Washington. If the (US) tests resume, we'll not test until mid-1993. Everything depends on the American side." Had the US Moratorium not been in effect, the right wing Russian military would not have extended their moratorium. A huge victory for human kind indeed!

The DOE announced on January 29 that Rocky Flats will close forever. By 1995 over 4,000 Coloradans will have lost their jobs. The government has an obligation to retrain and relocate these defense workers and bring the "C" word out of the closet: CONVERSION! All 17 DOE facilities need to be added to the closure list and converted as workers are retrained for new peace time industrial jobs. The Cold War is history, the future is ahead and the new world order is peace and justice. Nothing -- not even the military-industrial complex can now hold back the dawn.



Jobs in a Green Society

The failure of the Earth Summit will spur many people to closely examine the root causes of the environmental crisis. An important part of the problem lies in the amount of time that we spend working. Regardless of how politically correct our careers may be, the fact that we engage in full time work at all is more destructive than constructive.

Full time work requires long hours of forced social relations, it demands month after month with little daily variety, and the sacrifice of years without the opportunity for extended travel, education, idleness or personal growth.



While work is a human need and a human right, full time work is human bondage. It is stultifying intellectually, physically, psychologically and spiritually.

In a green society, the concept of having a full time job will be obsolete. Instead of mind-numbing repetition, an average day would include diverse and interesting activities such as bicycle maintenance, gardening and food preserving, community assistance with children and the elderly, leisure time, etc. People will value self-sufficiency over narrow expertise.

Fewer Jobs in Tax Department

When people are taxed it makes them expensive to employ since their employer must pay them highly in order for the worker to make enough to be able to pay taxes. Taxing individuals makes it cheaper for companies to invest in machines (which are usually ecologically destructive) rather than hiring people.

The revenue lost by not taxing people would be made up by taxing resources and energy use. This would encourage conservation and recycling, and reduce pollution. Selective taxation would encourage non-polluting technologies. Solar and wind systems for example, would be tax free while fossil fuels and mineral extraction would be taxed. Push mowers, seeds and plants would be tax free while farm chemicals would be taxed.

The number of professional artists and athletes would be dramatically reduced in a green society. If we didn't work such long hours we would have much more time and energy to participate in leisure activities like sports and art. People would abandon spectator events in favor of participation, and the number of arts organizations and sports clubs would flourish. The physical and emotional health of the population would significantly increase.

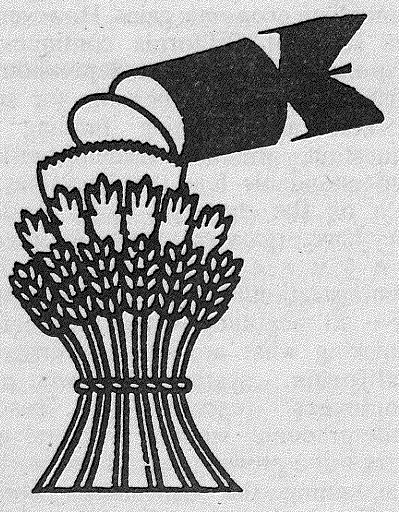
Educating the young would become a community and parental concern largely eliminating the need for massive bureaucracies at the provincial and school board levels. The position of professional educator would generally cease to exist as the job would be shared by parents and community members. Children would be de-institutionalized and spend their time at home, in the community, at job sites, and in loosely structured learning centers. Children and young people would participate IN society, rather than learning ABOUT it. Society would be inter-generational rather than segregated according to age; kids would participate in real life activities side by side with the elderly, adults, and with those younger than themselves.

While we would earn less by working part time, living would be much less expensive. Part time work leaves people with the time and energy to bicycle or walk to jobs or elsewhere, eliminating the need for automobiles. We would have time to supply more of our own daily needs or to exchange some services with a neighbor, thus saving thousands of dollars every year. We would have time to maintain our own technologies and grow food for ourselves and our neighbors. Part time people would have the time to supply services to the elderly, children, and those with special needs, thus keeping those people in the community.

"...a wholesale shift towards less time spent at work..."

The continued insistence on full time work for everyone ignores profound human needs. Humans must feel in control of their lives. We need to feel included, useful, secure, to be a part of a community. We don't like the stress of being overworked. It is not fulfilling to perform jobs we feel are unnecessary, overly bureaucratic, or socially/ecologically destructive. Churning out frivolous consumer products or shuffling paper in office towers provides little satisfaction or sense of self worth.

The key to this vision of green society is part time work, job sharing, work at home, longer holidays, and shorter work days and work weeks. Full time work is a dehumanizing treadmill which retards our full protential. Without a wholesale shift towards less time spent at work, the ecological age will be unattainable. (extracts, *OPIRG Mug* Fall92 by Frank DeJong)



Somalia: Chaos or Anarchy?

The US Marines are in Somalia. This is the 3rd invasion carried out by the Bush administration. In each case the people of the U.S. have been subjected to sophisticated propaganda campaigns via the media to elicit popular support for these imperialist adventures. The invasion of Panama was justified as the "war on drugs"; the war on Iraq was to punish aggression by "a fiend worse than Hitler;" now, in Somalia, the enemy is chaos and anarchy and the goal is a humanitarian one--to feed the starving masses.

But, since when is the U.S. military a humanitarian agency? The propaganda campaign that has accompanied the Somali operation has been slick. Pictures of starving children counterposed with those of drug-crazed gun slingers could do nothing but elicit sympathy for the victims and hatred for the victimizers. How could any decent human being oppose the use of force in such circumstances?

Sure, the U.S. shares responsibility for the disaster. For a decade U.S. arms and food flooded Somalia in order to shore up the Barre dictatorship and subsidize his war with Soviet-backed Ethiopia over the Ogaden region. This "aid" destroyed agriculture in Somalia leading to the current famine. The fall of the Barre dictatorship in 1991, and the clan-based civil war that followed in its wake, has led to the current relief crisis. Surely the U.S., as the world's cop, has a responsibility to step in and put an end to this "anarchy."

Now, nobody likes to see people starve to death and some way has to be found to get food to the people, and no one could possibly sympathize the gun thugs who are stealing food and selling it on the black market (that's capitalism at its rawest).

But there are reasons for opposing the invasion. The most compelling reason being the precedent it sets for future interventions in the third world, both foreign and domestic. Liberia, Bosnia, Cambodia, Afghanistan, Georgia, and other areas that are torn by civil strife have already been mentioned as areas that require the use of military force to shore up the nation-state against the disintegrating effects of ethnic strife. Strife that very often disguises class conflicts.

Our own domestic third world, the inner cities of our metropolitan areas, could also become candidates for even greater military occupation in the name of the "war on drugs." No less a propagandist for the ruling class than Ted Koppel, in his first report live from Mogadishu, let the cat out of the bag when he made a comparison between the drug-crazed teens with guns terrorizing the streets of the Somali capital and the gang-bangers of the U.S. inner cities. The inference should not be lost here: just as military force was necessary to clean up the gangs in Somalia, it may also be the only viable solution to the gang problem in the U.S.

The para-military operation of Darrel Gates' "operation clean sweep" in Los Angeles or the calls for the use of the National Guard to clear the gangs out of CHA housing projects in Chicago will now be made more palatable by referring to "operation restore hope." Another example of how a militaristic foreign policy inevitably rebounds on the domestic front.

Much has been made of the "anarchy" that currently reigns in Somalia. But what exists in Somalia is not anarchy but chaos, engendered by the collapse of a central authority and the competition between rival gangs to fill in the power vacuum. What is needed in Somalia is not a central state authority but grass-roots organizations that can reorganize the economic life of society.

Where are these organizations going to come from? Certainly not from the U.S. military or the UN. These bodies are interested in only one thing: restoring the national state known as Somalia, an artificial legacy of European colonialism. For the U.S. it's a question of restoring a stable client in the strategic Horn of Africa as an asset in its ongoing quest to control the world's oil supply; for the UN its a matter of upholding the very idea of the nation-state, its very reason for being (for without nation-states, why would you need a "United Nations"?).

But, are a people on the verge of starvation capable of creating the necessary organs for survival? This is the crucial question. All we do know is that the statists do not want such self-organization to come about and will do everything in their power to prevent it. We also know that the absolute dependence into which the Somali people have fallen makes for passivity

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Rockies Report

VOTERS IN COLORADO PASS AMENDMENT#2 UNIONS LEAD PROTEST AND BOYCOTT

WOODY HILDEBRANT

What do? —Whoopie Goldberg, Barbara Streisand, The National Center for Social Studies, American Association of Law Libraries, The U.S. Conference of Mayors, Joan Rivers, Atlanta, New York, Philadelphia, Jonathan Demme, and Martina Navratilova,—all have in Common??? They all jumped on the band wagon of protest against Amendment # 2 (A#2)—led by the Coalition of Labor Union Women!!!

What is Amendment #2 ???

A#2 is a constitutional amendment to the Colorado State Constitution that repeals anti-discrimination laws against gays and prevents any further similar laws from being passed. A#2 passed 53%—47% in the November elections and unleashed a storm of protest.

A#2 was passed by voters after a ballot initiative sponsored by Coloradans for Family Values (CFV) was placed on the November ballot. CFV is a group of fundamentalist Christians cloned from Pat Robertson. Colorado was selected for this initiative because of its conservative voting history. Although the Denver-Boulder-Aspen areas voted against A#2 the rest of the state (home to Coors, Martin-Marietta, Rocky Flats weapons plant, and NORAD) voted in favor. A#2 repeals anti-discrimination laws existing in the cities of Denver, Boulder and Aspen.

Shortly after the election the Coalition of Labor Union Women became the first organization to announce a boycott of Colorado by canceling its convention in Denver scheduled for November '93. Joyce Miller V.P. of the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers (ACTW) and the Labor Coalition's President said the ACTW wanted to come to Denver but is opposed to policies that discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation. Once again Labor leads the way in the struggle against injustice and discrimination.

It wasn't long before an array of celebrities and organizations announced a boycott of the state. Denver mayor, Wellington Webb, has begun a national campaign against the boycott. In an appearance on the Arizona Hall show Webb made an analogy to the civil rights movements of the '60s.—Blacks did not boycott the south, they went there to fight discrimination. Saying a boycott would hurt more than help Webb urged groups not to cancel trips or business in Colorado—in other words it will cost the state tens of millions of dollars. Maybe the capitalist pigs will rethink their right wing bigotry when it starts to cost them money!!!

Not only did Labor lead the way in protesting A#2, it appears that without redress of discrimination grievances in the courts Unions and Labor law may be the only refuge for gays in Colorado until A#2 is overturned. However this is small solace in a "Right to Work" state where only 18% of the work force is Union. Unless your Union protects you against discrimination based on sexual orientation you can be fired for being Gay. This is an important opportunity for the I.W.W. to organize a wide variety of workers. Let's not End Up missing this chance to forward the movement for revolutionary changes in Colorado!!!

Education Workers

T.A. STRIKE IN 3RD MONTH

A strike by graduate student workers at the University of California at Berkeley has entered its third month with administrators still refusing to negotiate with their union. The strikers are members of the Association of Graduate Student Employees/UAW, which represents graduate student instructors, research and teaching assistants. They are demanding the administration recognize the union and enter into good-faith bargaining toward a union contract.

Union spokespersons have stressed that the union is not seeking any immediate economic gains. However, as the state of California continues to respond to the current depression by slashing wages and benefits for state workers and slashing funding for education, graduate student workers understandably fear that they may be next on the chopping block. And so they have organized a union in order to ensure that the administration/management will at least have to negotiate with them before attacking what are the University of California system's lowest-paid employees (except for "casual" undergraduate student workers, who carry out a growing part of the work of maintaining the University's library, food and clerical services for slightly more than minimum wage).

Although the University has never recognized the union, for the past 3 years an interim agreement covered wages and benefits, called for discussion of work issues, and for payroll dues deductions. But the University hardened its anti-union stance after a court ruled that the graduate employees were not workers under state law, and thus that the University was not legally required to recognize or negotiate with their union despite its overwhelming support among the workers it represents.

Graduate employees perform a large portion of the University of California's teaching and research activities, and it is not uncommon for many first-year students to go through classes without ever seeing the full-time faculty theoretically in charge of their instruction. Administrators at universities across the country have increasingly turned to graduate employees in recent decades in order to cut spending on undergraduate education.

The strike has won substantial support from undergraduate students, more than 8,000 of whom have signed a petition urging the University to recognize AGSE/UAW. And several faculty members have signed an open letter urging the administration to recognize the union. However, many more faculty are helping to break the strike by continuing teaching and even by doing work normally done by graduate employees.

SECOND ANNUAL DENVER SOCIAL ISSUES CONFERENCE

Lowell May

The U.S. movements for social justice in the post-Cold War era have been decimated by the absence of a clear vision of a new society. The second annual Social Issues Conference held in Denver on November 14, 1992 gave activists one more opportunity to address this problem, to create a people-centered alternative to hierarchical institutions.

In his keynote address, Afro-American historian Manning Marable emphasized the greater promise of coalition-building based on the power exercised by women and especially by people of color. Marable, a well known author and syndicated columnist, drew upon an impressive and growing body of evidence detailing the history making role played by oppressed people in their often clandestine struggles.

In depicting the resistance, Marable simultaneously highlighted the affirmative side of the struggle—the exaltation and the joy inherent in every fight for liberation. Taking this one step further, he portrayed such struggle and jubilee as both a blow for the emancipation of all people and as a beacon and model for all who would be free. This reference, too often oblique, is to the issue of the reactionary character of those workers who identify themselves as "white" and "male".

Marable took this issue head on at an ideological and historical level. Indicating that European origin workers have been offered privileges in return for racial support. The result has been the creation and development of the social category "white" as a means of understanding the natural unity among workers. But rather than building upon the tendencies of workers to make common cause, inspired by the rebellion of people of color in particular, Marable, like so many progressives and leftists, went on to emphasize the importance of coalition building.

Contrasting Marable in an ensuing conference panel this writer suggested the key to the development of a revolutionary bloc within modern capitalism is the linking of grass roots rebellion, not coalition building among activists. The focus of activists should be on encouraging budding rebellions, not forging institutional links among themselves.

The conference explored the prospects of unity based on various group struggles but the success of the conference in addressing this issue should be measured in the ability of its participants to relate these prospects for unity, not essentially to the left, but to the activity of people in their daily lives.



Answer to Oil Spills: Double-Hulled Tankers & Larger Crews

Union spokespersons in Britain blame shipowners for cutting corners on safety as the cause of a growing number of oil spills. Crews are being reduced, untrained workers hired, and often crew members do not speak a common language on a ship. In addition, ships are being built with cheaper high tensile steel, which corrodes quickly. Many tankers are still in service since the early 70's. Ships are classified "seaworthy" by various "classification societies" which compete with one another to stay in business. And many tankers are registered under "flags of convenience" in countries with low safety standards.

The world can not afford to lose its coastline ecosystems for the profits of Exxon and Shell. Oil for fuel should be replaced with sustainable energy.

In the meantime, double hulled tankers can be built in shipyards, whose workers are seeking work to do after the decline in military ship production. One such shipyard is in St. John, New Brunswick. These workers would be pleased to build double hulled tankers to protect our marine life -- instead of assembling nuclear reactors for unloading on the third world, which is what the Canadian government plans -- despite a Canadian gov't. study which recommends that all tankers be equipped with double hulls. You can help make double hulled tankers a reality, by writing to the Prime Minister of Canada, Ottawa.

As well as sensible construction, tankers must carry a full crew of trained workers who are paid in accordance with their great responsibility and the danger they face each day at sea.

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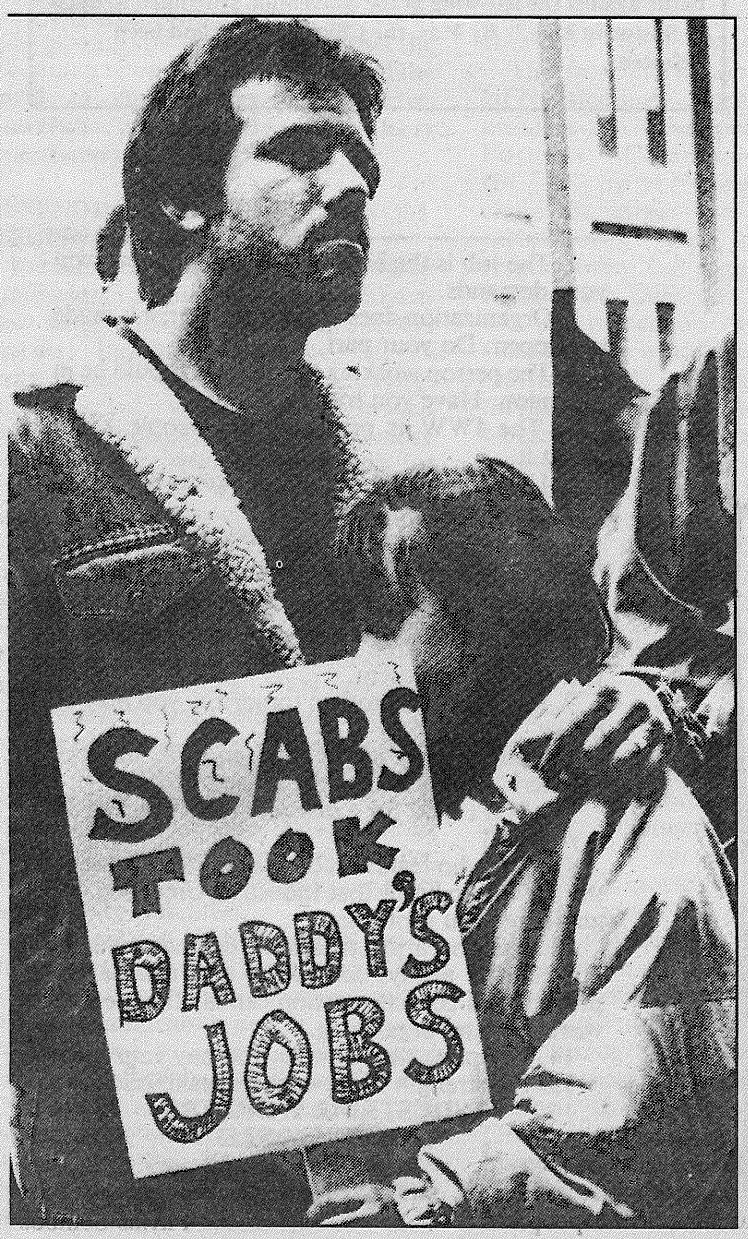
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US Government Reveals Pension Fraud:

Growing numbers of workers are discovering that employers are refusing to pay their pensions, either because they took the money and ran, or based on obscure technicalities. Tens of thousands of workers have been cheated of their pensions in this way. Similarly, the courts have decided that employers can slash health insurance benefits unilaterally instead of covering workers who develop costly illnesses. The case involved John McGann, a music store worker who had been promised health coverage of up to $1 million. Instead, when McGann was diagnosed with AIDS his employer cut his maximum benefit to $5,000. McGann died while his lawsuit to restore his medical benefits was pending.

And the U.S. government's Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's annual list of the 50 companies with the largest underfinanced pension plans found $24.2 billion in underfunded workers' pensions last year, up from $21.5 billion in 1990. The airline, steel and auto industries dominate the list of under-financed pensions, which Chrysler and General Motors accounting for 53 percent of unfunded benefits in the survey. The survey measures the gap between monies companies have held to cover pensions and the benefits they have promised their workers.

Springsteen a Scab:

Low-life scab Bruce Springsteen, his band and roadies crossed the picketline of over 200 striking Tacoma city clerks earlier this year. The Tacoma Dome where he played is owned by the city and is the workplace of several of the clerks. His stage was set up by scab labor as other union workers refused to cross the picket line. Springsteen has made a fortune playing the part of a blue-collar rock and roller but, as most people like him, he is a fake. The city clerks struck Oct. 7 for the first time in 20 years. 1,000 other city workers have struck in support, including garbage workers and City Belt Line Railway workers. Longshoremen at the city port have also honored the picket lines. IATSE Local 15 also had a picket line up at the concert because the city hired scabs to work the show. (Bayou La Rose #39)

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rather than activism.

The lesson in all this is the absolute necessity to prepare grass-roots organizations: unions, cooperatives, agricultural collectives, self defense groups, etc., in advance of any revolutionary crisis brought on by war or any other disaster so that the people will have the infrastructure of a new society in place before the collapse comes about.

Excerpted:Libertarian Labor Review #14)

Your Local Union Can

ADOPT

a family in Yellowknife

CASAW (Canadian Association of Smelter & Allied Workers) Local #4 has been involved in a bitter strike since May 22, 1992

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

Many families with young children are struggling to survive! Your consideration would be greatly appreciated!

HELP!

CASAW families continue their struggle against the union busting tactics of Royal Oak Mines Inc.

For further information, please contact:
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YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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own rights against their oppressors.

These many individuals who made such great sacrifices and said, "We will fight until we win!" did so on behalf of all Aboriginal People and we still need your generous financial contributions to pay our legal fees, your positive thoughts and your strong moral support.

Nia:wen, The fight for our freedom continues.

Liberation of the Mohawk Nation Defense Fund, Caisse Populaire Acct. #80186, Kahnawake, Quebec, Box 645, J0L 1B0 Canada.

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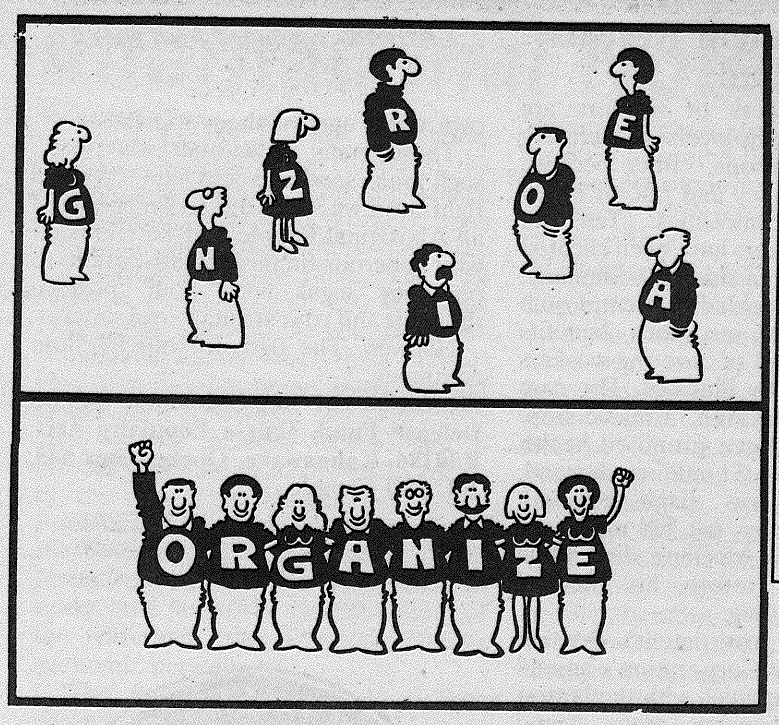
On Dec. 11, Club Saw (an artist run collective) played host to a cassette release of local bands, MS Gesus & Resin Scraper. A former Wob member of MS Gesus took it upon himself to dress up as "Santa Core!" & promote a safe sex festive season. Santa-Core! thrashed and gave out condoms while perched on the shoulders of Warren Peace, singer of MS Gesus.

The day after Christmas, the same fellow worker put on his Santa suit and became Santa Core! again. Assisted by a rebel elf and a unionized reindeer, 250 copies of the Industrial Worker were given away in the shopping district in one hour. A couple of people insisted on donating some change.

Ottawa IWW will host a multicultural music event Feb. 12. A new "Northern IWW" t-shirt is on its way, and we will make some lapel pins.

Stunned by the success of the meeting, after it was over we added clothing and slid out onto sheet ice in freezing rain. We passed a boarded up school building where a coworker pointed out that a riot happened about 1917 in a teachers strike. A tourist plaque says the place was a center of human rights agitation. We stopped to visit a beverage establishment. Here a CW revealed that as of January 1, Ontario workers pay 1.5% higher provincial sales tax, student grants have been eliminated, the (federal) Arts Council was cut back 40%, the Ottawa School of Art just laid off 5 teachers, and the national monthly "baby bonus" was eliminated. And of course, no more unemployment insurance if you quit or get fired. So we drank to the health of the depression and cut through the enclosed mall where we gave all our change to the street kids and rode the bus past the sleeping homeless camp: A blue mound emerging from the shining snow, underneath which are 5 tents and from 2 to 9 persons, mostly homeless youths. They sleep by the decorative wall in front of Parliament. Their permit to demonstrate (not to camp) expired December 31 and they are waiting for police to arrest them for trespassing. The Prime Minister has said they will be removed for their own good, so their health won't suffer from exposure to the cold. The shrubs on the Hill are artfully decorated with holiday lights, and a regular stream of suburbanites cruise in cars slowly around the drive to view the pretty colors.

The spectacle is summed up by a t-shirt which says: N.ot A.nother F.___ T.rade A.greement! (mv)



The First Boycott

Retired British Army Captain Charles Boycott was appointed land agent for the absentee Earl of Erne's estate in County Mayo, Ireland, in 1880. At that time a Land League was being organized to protect tenants from unjust landlords, and Captain Boycott was the first target.

The league banned Captain Boycott, his family and lands. No one would work for him, nobody would deliver to his house or serve him in the shops, nor would anyone speak to any member of the Boycott family. The Army was used to bring in scab workers, but this did not work and Captain Boycott was forced to return to England.

WOMEN WORKERS' HISTORY

Chapter 69 **Chicago Blues**

When 3,000 Chicago garment workers went on strike in February 1924, they placed their lives on the line for labor rights. But employer muscle and their own union's red-baiting doomed their struggle from the beginning.

The fight began on Feb. 27 as a general strike against garment manufacturers. Employers were quick to respond. A judge issued an injunction banning any form of picketing. More than 500 women strikers were arrested for walking a picket line. Police and company thugs ruthlessly attacked the strikers.

The strikes received a boost when 94-year-old Mother Jones stopped in Chicago on her way to California. "This strike of yours is a war," she declared. "Don't care about jails, courts or injunctions. Picket, strike, fight."



The top officials of the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union were engaged in a bitter struggle against the union's left-wing. A popular Chicago leader, Dora Lipschutz, had been expelled from the union despite her co-workers' protests. Notes historian Philip Foner: "While the strike dragged on and women strikers continued to be fined and jailed, the leadership of the ILGWU was devoting all its attention to the battle against the left-wing at the convention scheduled to open in Boston in May." By May, the Chicago strike had been defeated.

The Dos and Don'ts of Organizing

This pamphlet is designed to give basic advice on such workplace problems as harassment, low pay, poor working conditions, lack of respect on the job, and ultimately forming your own union to deal with these problems.

Where to Start

First, talk with the people you work with. Find out what they think of the workplace and learn what they dislike about the job. You may find that you both have similar dislikes. If so, let it be known that they are not the only person who finds their job to be less than satisfactory. Ask questions like, "wouldn't it be better if we had..." or "wouldn't you like to see..." Generally, these questions should be phrased so the answer is in the positive; you want to ask them questions where they will agree with you.

Ask your fellow workers what they feel can be done. Most, if not all, bosses will not care what you have to say unless they have something to gain or you have a bargaining position that can't be ignored - an organized union.

1. Keep all conversations on a level that people can relate to in their daily lives, avoiding rhetoric and 'big' words (people tend to see this as pretentious). At this stage, it is better not to suggest 'union' ; it's better just to hear their problems first, as most people 'switch off' when they hear the word union.

2. Do they want to go on this way, every day?

3. If not, how could things be changed?

4. Would they lose anything by standing up for themselves? If so, what?

At this point, they will be either skeptical and maybe hostile to the idea, or they are going to want to know more about what you have to say.

1. Would they be willing to form a union? If not, would they like to come to an open meeting?

2. If they really don't like the idea, find out why. Are they being pressured by others? Are they afraid of losing their job?

3. Assert yourself and them. If one person stands up, you can be sure others will follow. Show that you're making a stand and you're not afraid. Dispel their fears by example. Nevertheless, it is best not to be <u>too</u> loud at this point.

4. Point out that they have the legal right to bargain as a group , seek a decent workplace, and join a union. It is their right to have free speech and to be treated with respect.

5. Explain what advantages there are in a union:

-legal protection against unlawful firing;

-support from from other people with the same problems;

-morale backup from a group with a common cause;

-the power to make yourself heard;

-the advice and knowledge of those who have been down the same path;

1. The job is the only place where you can win your demands.

2. Organization does not just happen; it is made to happen. Do your part.

3. The person working next to you should be in the union. Have you tried?

4. The IWW is practical. Let people know about it.

5. Union literature in your pocket is lying idle. Take it out and put it to work.

6. If every Wobbly gets a new Wobbly every month, we would have a 4-hour day in a year!

7. The place to discuss internal matters is at business meetings.

8. If meetings aren't being held in your locality, you can arrange them.

9. Pay your dues today; tomorrow you may be broke.

10. The activity of the rank and file, and not "leaders", will advance the cause of labor.

11. Don't send for a delegate when you can do it yourself!

12. One who fears is in bondage. To understand the IWW is to know that Industrial Unionism will guarantee you protection.

13. Even on a job that can't be unionized for now there's always *something* that can be improved, and collective action can lay the groundwork for later organizing.

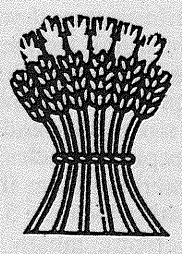
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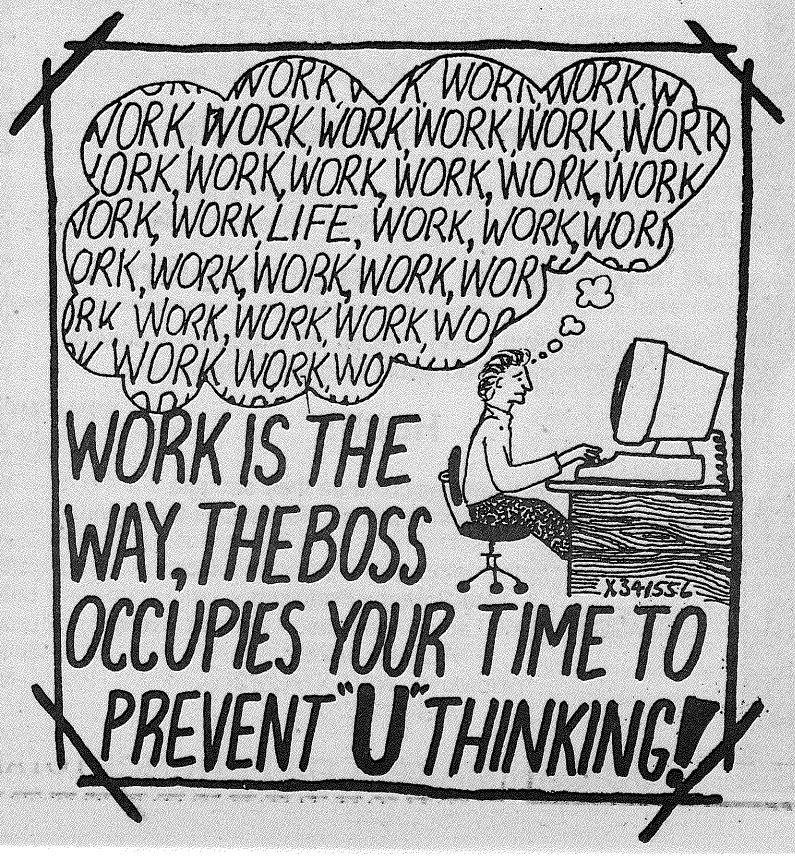
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Where Are the Socialists? Addressing the Socialist International's September conference in Berlin, International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU) General Secretary Enzo Friso said that unions "need allies, and will naturally turn to democratic socialist partners." Yet, "we find all too often that, when in opposition socialist parties welcome close collaboration with the unions, but when they gain office the unions are sidelined." Friso said this was not due to duplicity, but advocates of a U.S. labor party might want to take note nonetheless.



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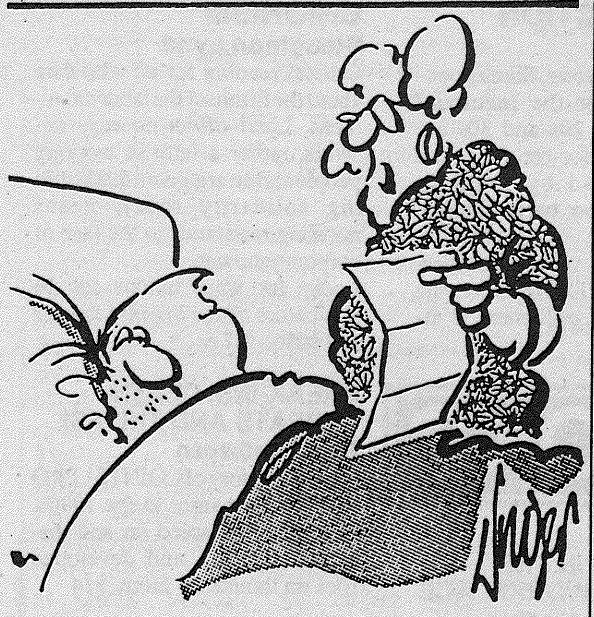
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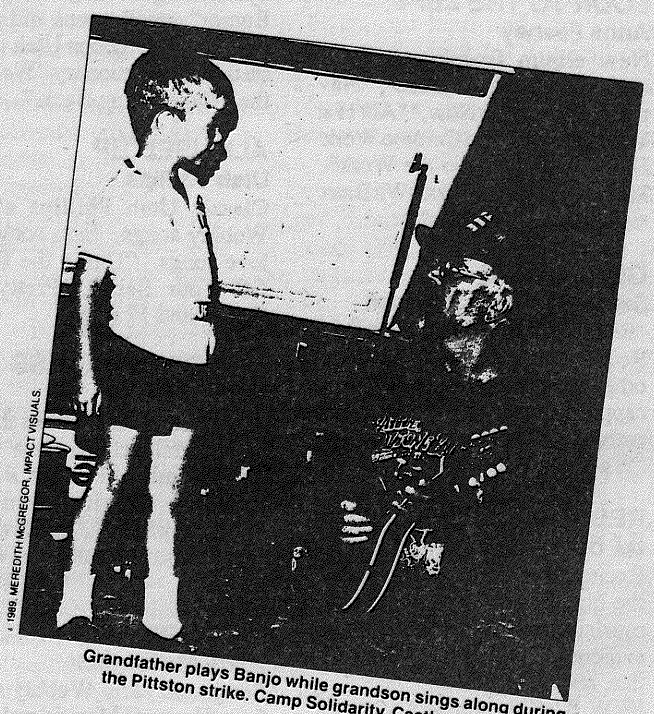
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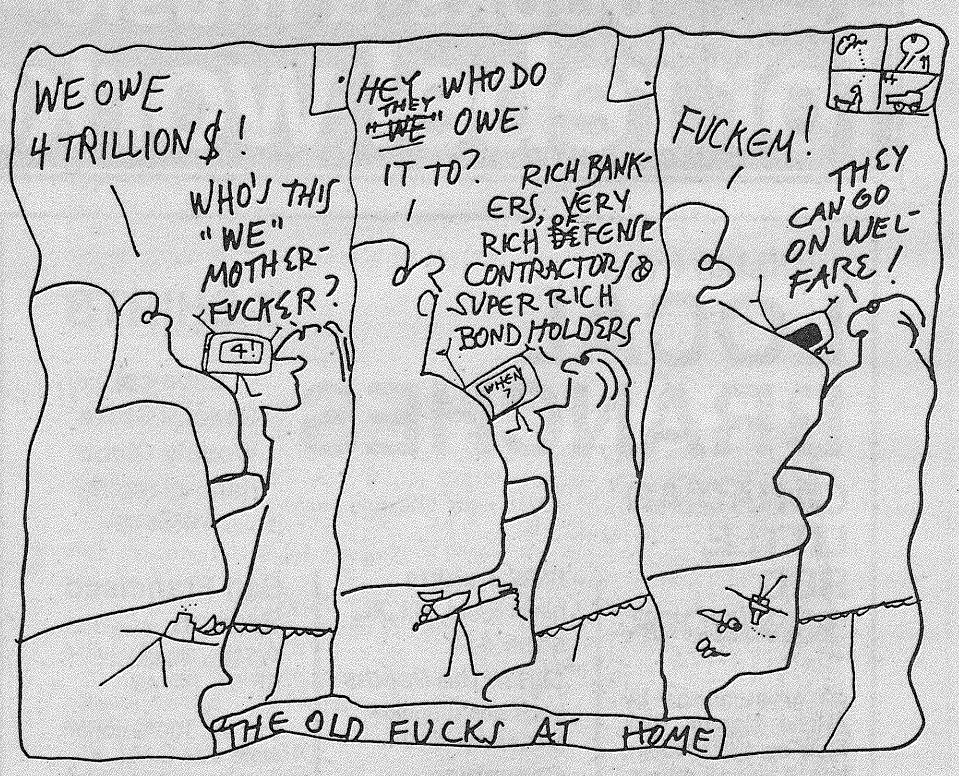
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We find that the centering of the management of industries into fewer and fewer hands makes the trade unions unable to cope with the ever-growing power of the employing class. The trade unions foster a state of affairs which allows one set of workers to be pitted against another set of workers in the same industry, thereby helping defeat one another in wage wars. Moreover, the trade unions aid the employing class to mislead the workers into the belief that the working class have interests in common with their employers.

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